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Date of sailing Saturday	Steamers,	Tons.	Connecting at Aden with	Tons.
2-30 P.M. 1907.				
28th Sept.	MARMORA	10509		
4th Oct.	ORIENTAL	5284	MONGOLIA	9505
12th "	ARABIA	7903		
19th "	ORIENTAL	5284	VICTORIA	6522
26th "	PERSIA	7951		
2nd Nov†	MACEDONIA	10512	BRITANNIA	6825
9th "	OCEANA	6610		
16th "	PENINSULAR	5294	MOOLTAN	9621
23rd "	EGYPT	7912		
30th "	PENINSULAR	5294	CHINA	7912
7th Dec.	MARMORA	10509		
14th "	PENINSULAR	5294	HIMALAYA	6898
21st "	ARABIA	7903		
28th "	ORIENTAL	5284	MOLDAVIA	9500
1909.				
4th Jan.	PERSIA	7951		
11th "	ORIENTAL	5284	INDIA	7911
18th "	OCEANA	6610		
25th "	ORIENTAL	5284	MONGOLIA	9505
1st Feb.	EGYPT	7912		
8th "	CALEDONIA	7558	VICTORIA	6522
15th "	ORIENTAL	5284		
22nd "	MACEDONIA	10512		
29th "	ARCADIA	6603		
7th Mar.	CALEDONIA	7558	BRITANNIA	6825
14th "	ARABIA	7903		
21st "	CALEDONIA	7558	MOOLTAN	9621
28th "	PERSIA	7951		
4th Apr.	MARMORA	10509		
11th "	EGYPT	7912		
18th "	CALEDONIA	7558	MOLDAVIA	9500
25th "	MACEDONIA	10512		
2nd May	ORIENTAL	5284	HIMALAYA	6898
9th "	CALEDONIA	7558		
16th "	ORIENTAL	5284	MONGOLIA	9505
23rd "	ARABIA	7903		

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ARMAND BEHIC	6,385	Guionnet	3rd Oct. 1907
ORAMIEN	4,143	Magnos	31st "
CALEDONIEN	6,180	Martin	28th Nov. "
DUMBEA	6,656	Boyer	26th Dec. "
VILLE de la CIOTAT	6,378	Combe	23rd Jan. 1908,
AUSTRALIEN	6,365	Verron	20th Feb. "
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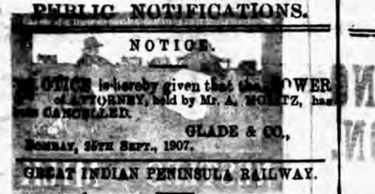

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1. To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and the Audited Balance Sheet for the year ended 30th June, 1907.
2. To declare a Dividend.
3. To elect Directors in place of those retiring by rotation but who are eligible for re-election.
4. To appoint Auditors for the current year and fix their remuneration.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th October to the 18th October (both days inclusive).

By Order of the Board of Directors,
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Bombay, 24th September, 1907.

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VS.

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2. VITHALDAS RAMDAS, of Bombay, Hindu Inhabitant, residing at New Hanuman Lane, outside the Fort of Bombay.....
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5. MUNCHERSHAW BOMONJI CHOTHIA, a Solicitor of this Honourable Court of Bombay, Parsee Inhabitant, residing fat Grant Road, without the Fort of Bombay .....
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PURSUANT to the provisions of Section 30 of the Code of Civil Procedure, Notice is here by given to all the Creditors of Vithaldas Ramdas that the Plaintiff abovenamed has on the 27th day of August 1907 instituted this suit in this Honourable Court praying for the following reliefs:—

1. That the consent decree, dated 12th April 1905 and 3rd August 1907 in Suits Nos. 308 of 1902 and 227 of 1904 respectively may be declared to be fraudulent and not binding upon himself and other, the Creditors of Vithaldas Ramdas, the 2nd defendant abovenamed, and that the same may be set asi le.
2. That an account may be taken of what is due by the defendants or one or more of them to the other of them.
3. It may be declared which of the said defendants or other the creditors of the 2nd defendant are entitled to be paid in priority over the others out of the sum of Rs. 1,43,250 in the hands of defendants 6 and 7 and to what extent.
4. That the balance remaining after the payment of claims having priority may be ascertained and divided among the plaintiff and other the creditors of the 2nd defendant in proportion to their respective claims.
5. That the defendants 6 and 7 may be ordered to retain and hold the said sum of Rs. 1,43,250 until the further order of this Court, or in the alternative some other fit and proper persons may be appointed Receivers thereof. And the defendants, other than defendants 6 and 7, may be restrained from receiving or otherwise dealing with the moneys in the hands of defendants 6 and 7 in any manner whatsoever pending this suit.
6. That all proper accounts may be taken, directions given and enquiries made.
7. That the defendants or some one or more of them may be decreed to pay the costs of this suit.
8. That the plaintiff may have such further or other relief as the nature of the costs may require.

And the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Davar has by an order made on the 27th day of August 1907 directed notice of institution of this suit to be given to the Creditors of the said Vithaldas Ramdas, the 2nd defendant abovenamed, and that this Honourable Court has fixed the 25th day of November 1907 for final disposal of this suit.—Dated this 25th day of September 1907.

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SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Chupra, 3,954 tons, Captain M England sailed yesterday for Antwerp with a general cargo.

THE steamer Amyrallis, 2,587 tons, Captain G W Leach, arrived in harbour yesterday from Calcutta, with a cargo of coal.

THE steamer Querimba, 4,937 tons, Captain W B Smith, arrived in harbour yesterday from Calcutta, with a cargo of coal.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Linga, 938 tons, Captain R J Rickford, arrived in harbour yesterday from Karachi, etc, with a general cargo and 425 deck passengers.

The Committee of the Bombay Chamber of Commerce have decided that Tuesday, 24th September, should be regarded as a Full Weather Working Day for Vessels in the Prince's and Victoria Docks.

MEN-OF-WAR & ROYAL INDIAN MARINE SHIPS.

IN GOVT. DOCKYARD.

R I M S Lawrence ...Condr C W Shearme.....R I Marine
R I M S Margarita.....Capt W L Kelly..... Pearl Fishery
R I M S Minto.....Comdr Herdert.....R I Marine
R I M S Investigator...Capt W G Beauchamp.....R I Marine
Patrick Stewart.....Capt W A Tindall.....I G T T S
H M S Pallas.....Survey Boat
Three Torpedo Boats.....Royal Navy

In the stream.

R I M S Hardinge ....Lieut C G Campbell.....R I Marine
R I M S Dufferin.....Lieut R G Willok.....R I Marine

VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR—September 25.

Capri .....3781 Belsito .....P & R S N Co
Deyanha .....4755 Hide..... Shanghai....15-10 P & O Co
Dumra .....762 Kirst.....M M & Co
Faltala .....2702 Allen.....Calcutta.....M M & Co
Farringford .....2218 Charlin .....E Latham & Co
Foyle.....2030 Walsh 5,000
Ipswich .....613 Wallace.....Shah S N Co
Kalibia.....3149 Walker.....W and A Graham & Co
Lalpoora .....3134 Hodgson .....M M & Co
Linga .....938 Rickford.....M M & Co
Loodiana .....3124 Chidley.....M M & Co
Oriental .....3385 Tocqueu.....P & O Co
Oxfordaria.....3464 LeGrand.....M M & Co
Querimba.....4937 Smith.....M M & Co
Shahncor.....2783 Foster .....Shah S N Co
Shahjehan .....3366 Davison .....Shah S N Co
Shah Nafam .....3751 Davison .....Shah S N Co
Shah Ameer .....1922 Pilling .....Shah S N Co
Shah Nasir .....2756 Grant .....Shah N N Co
Sirsa.....1675 Emmett .....M M & Co
Vinovia .....2174 Tucker.....M M & Co
Warsonga .....1609 Bamber.....M M & Co
Zebenghia .....7606 Brocg .....M M & Co

VESSELS IN DOCK—September 25.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agents.
E	Caboto	3895	Schiaffino	Colombo	76-9	S C Italiana
C&R	Kenilworth	1762	McClelland	Antwerp	26-9	W & A G & Co
D & E	Clan Colquhoun	3760	Green	Chittagong	2-10	F M & Co
F	Stanley Hall	2660	Henderson	Genoa	3-10	K Nixon & Co
G	Mozaffari	1387	Jordan	H S Ports	28-9	Bo P S N Co
M	Shah Neway	3022	Baldoin	Jedda	Pt.	The Shah S N Co
N	Oman Prince	3286	Lambert	Philadelphia	5-10	H Wille
O	Bahadur	529	Fckeera	Repairing	N F	Bo S N Co
Q	Ehrenfels	3799	Knekens	K'chi	28-9	Glade & Co

M W D D

Richetag .....1230 Tale .....Zoar .....30-9 A Strandes

H W P D

Courland.....760 Ebrahim.... Gulf Ports....26-9....Bo S N Co
Mahanadi .....547 Ahmed.....Mangalore .. 30-9 Bo S N Co
Satrunji.....547 Hoosein.....K'chi.....28-9 Bo S N Co

VICTORIA DOCK.

1	Kincraig	2,387	Cownil	Calcutta	26-9 K N & Co
2	Castalia	4061	Blight	Liverpool	6-10 W & A G & Co
3	Agapanthus	2866	Davies	Manchester	28-9 W & A G & Co
4	Drumcondra	3984	Taylor	A'werp	5-10 W & A G & Co
7	Pasha	3839	Macdonall	Anjer	27-9 T Morrison & Co
8	Africa	2565	Badlasich	Trieste	1-10 A L S N & Co
9	Gadsby	2273	Clarke	Venice	5-10 T Morrison & Co
10 & 11	Marmora	5339	Weston	London	28-9 P & O Co
12	Arcadian	3514	Valentine	Shanghai	1-10 P & O Co
14	Badsie	1613	Bown	Jedda	28-9 G Jeewanjee
15	Magician	3271	McKee	Dunkirk	28-9 Killick N & Co
16	Madur	1773	Pitson	P Gulf	30-9 M M & Co

Outside G

Ahmadi .....1640 Hughes...R S Ports.... 30-9 B & P S N Co

30 Ton Crane

Soho.....2029 Maclaren...Hull via K'chi 10-10 F M & Co

ARRIVALS.

Sept.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
25	Querimba s	Smith	Calcutta, Sept 13
	Linga s	Rickford	Karachi, Sept 18
	Amyrallis s	Leah	Calcutta, Sept 14

DEPARTURES.

Sept.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
25	R I M S Northbrook	Rose	Bangoon
	Kagoshima Maru s	Kori	Kobe, &c
	Ismaila s	Ross	Calcutta
	Chupra s	England	Antwerp

The steamer Caboto for Calcutta, etc, began to load yesterday.

DAILY EXPORTS.—SEPT. 25.

FOR LIVERPOOL

Magician s—41 bales wool David Sassoon and Co; 63 bales wool D Goolabchand; 55 balesowool R Dossa and Co; 61 bales wool R Rampratab; 900 cwt wheat sweaping H Kanji; 1,001 cwt mettyseed and Krause; 30 bales wool E Dossa and Co; 70 bales wool A H Bundellij.

FOR LONDON.

Marmora s—5 bales Skins M J Joomabhoy and Co; 1 bale carpets G P Stavrides and Co; 5 bales Skins W and O Graham and Co; 2 bales carpets The Ajmere Import and Export Co Ld; 100 cwt cashewnuts and 51 cwts Nuxvomisa R Jeewandas and Co; 35 cwts deer horns J M Rehimtools; 500 cwts my rabollams G Madheojee and Co; 10 bales skins W T A Graham and Co

FOR ANTWERP.

Drumcondra s—50 bales hemp R Reeve and Co: 2,000 cwt poppyseed L Drufus and Co.

FOR HONGKONG.

Kenilworth s—15 bales cotton waste K Visram and Co; 1,008 cwt myrabollams E Oomeresey.

Stanley Hall s—2,001 cwts poppyseed John Fachiri.

Ehrenfels s—201 cwts linseed Ralli Bros; 1 bale twist F F Campbell and Co; 100 bales hemp K Visram and Co; 30 bales twist Kahn and Kahn; 36 bales twist E D Sassoon and Co.

FOR MARSEILLES

Castalea s—110 bales wool L Hurbhuni; 4 bales silk kakoon and 2 bales silk waste Killick Nixon and Co; 1001 cwts mettyseed Baner and Krause; 377 cwts dillseed

FOR GENOA.

Stanley Hall s—9 bales twist B Gorio and Co; 5 bales twist J A Begbie and Co; 2 bales twist B Gorio and Co.

FOR MANCHESTER.

Aspunthus s—32 bales twist Tata Sons and Co.

FOR TRIESTE.

Africa s—600 cwt myrabollams W Becher; 304 bales twist The Swadeshi Mills Co.

Gadsby s—330 bales Cotton Bamjee and Co; 25 bales twist J A Begbie and Co; 1,000 cwts linseed Volkart Bros; 8 bales twist A Schweiger and Co; 600 cwts myrabollams W Becher; 14 bales twist M Cohen and Fils; 9 bales twist Kahn and Kahn; 224 bales twist Greams Cotton and Co.

FOR PHILADELPHIA.

Gadsby s—55 bales twist M Cohen and Fils.

Africa s—45 bales twist The Swadeshi Mills Co,

FOR GALATZ.

Africa s—167 bales twist The Swadeshi Mills Co.

FOR VENICE.

Gadsby s—10 bales twist J A Begbie and Co; 700 bales cotton Gaddam and Co; 110 bales cotton Vatchagbandy and Sons.

FOR DUNKIRK.

Magician s—55 bales cotton J A Begbie and Co; 1,000 cwt linseed Volkart Bros.

FOR FIUME.

Gadsbys 6,000 cwts linseed Volkart Bros, 36 bales twist M Cohen and Fils.

Africa s—6,041 cottonseed D B Petit and Co.

FOR HAMBURG.

Arcadia s—100 bales twist The Meteni B. Raisha; 40 bales twist E D Sassoon and Co; 250 bales twist Sassoon J David and Co.

FOR SHANGHAI.

Arcadia s—109 bales twist C Bhawanidas; 250 bales twist Sassoon J David and Co.

FOR KOBE.

Arcadia s—226 bales cotton Sambjee Framjee and Co.

Castalia s—2,000 cwts linseed L Dreyfus and Co; 4 bales silk waste Killick Nixon and Co.

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

LONDON MARKETS.

LONDON, *September 24.*] [BOMBAY, *September 25.*

FINANCIAL.

	Rates.	Plus.	Minus.
2½ per cent. Consols	32 3/16		1/16
2 do. Rentes	94	un	chgd
3½ do. Sterling Loan	99	1/8	
3½ do. Govt Securities	64 5/8	un	chgd
Bar Silver in London	31 1/16	un	chgd
Do. do. 3 months' hence	31 3/16	un	chgd
Do. id New York	67 1/4	un	chgd
Exchange on London at Paris	25 12 1/2		1/2
Do. do. do. Berlin	20 46 1/4	1/2	
Do. do. do. New York	4 85 7/8	un	chgd
Discount Bank of England Rate	4½	since	15 Aug
Do. Short London Bills, 2 months' sight	3 7/8	un	chgd
Do. Indian Bank Bills, 6 months' sight	4 1/4	un	chgd
Do. 4 Months' Fine Trade Bills	4 3/8	un	chgd
Do. 6 Months' Fine Trade Bills	4 3/4	un	chgd
Interest Day-to-day Loans	Mutilated		
Do. 7-day Market Loans	Mutilated		

Exchange on India, 30 days' sight (Bank's buying rate) ... ... 1s. 3 7/8 unchanged.

COTTON.

Liverpool—

Spots	Quiet.
Futures	Steady.
East Indian	Dull.
Manchester	Steady.
Total Sales	5,000
Sold on Speculation and for Export ...	300
Imports	6,000
Mid-Americans	6 6/8—13
Egyptian F. G. F. Brown ...	10 3/16 unchgd

Future Delivery Prices—

Sept.-Oct.	Oct.-Nov.	Nov.-Dec.	Dec.-Jan
6·08	6·03	6·00	5·98
—04	—03	—03	—02
Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar.	Mar.-Apl.	Apl.-May.	May-June
5·97	5·98	5·99	6·00	6·00
—03	—02	—03	—02	—02

New York—

Receipts at U. S. Ports ...	50,000 bales.
Do. do. last year...	67,000 "
Exports to Great Britain ...	3,000 "
Do. to Continent... ...	7,000 "
Spot Cotton—11·90—unchgd.	
Futures—Month of Dec. 10·87—01	Advanced early owing to Southern Spinners said to be bidding more freely and declined later through bearish weekly weather report.
Do. do. of Mar. 11·08—unchgd	

New Orleans :—

Spot Cotton.—11 1/2—1/8	
Futures—Month of October ...	Mutilated.
Do. do. December ...	
Closing Tone of Futures.—Steady.	

ADDITIONAL QUOTATIONS.

	d.	
Fine Broach	d.	6
F. G. Broach	d.	5
Good Broach	d.	5
Fine Bhownagger	d.	5
F. G. Bhownagger	d.	5
Good Bhownagger	d.	4
Fine Oomras	d.	5
F. G. Oomras	d.	5
Good Oomras	d.	4
Good M. G. Oomras	d.	4
Fine M. G. Oomras	d.	5
Fine Belatti	d.	4
Good Belatti	d.	4
Fine Bengals	d.	4
F. G. Bengals	d.	3
Good Bengals	d.	3
Fine M. G. Bhownagger... ...	d.	5
Good Khandeish	d.	4
F. G. Khandeish	d.	4

WHEAT.

Bad Karachi—38 1/2—New-Terms—Oct.-Nov.—London—Sellers—Canal.

Tone of Wheat.—steady.

Wheat afloat for U. K. Qrs. 1,820,000

SEEDS.

RAPESEED—

Yellow Gujerat, per 416 lbs. 85% ex-ship. 54 1/4 April-May. Antwerp—Sellers—Canal.

Yellow Cawnpore, per 416 lbs. 85o/o ex-ship

Brown Cawnpore—50 1/4 April-May—Antwerp—Sellers—Canal.

Tone of Rapeseed—Easier.

Linseed :—

Bombay, per 416 lbs., ex-ship 46 5/8 September-Oct.—Dunkirk—Done—Canal.

Tone of Linseed—Easier.

MISCELLANEOUS.

coffee :—

In New York Fair Rio (No. 7 quality) 6 1/2 unchgd.

Metals :

Copper Braziers	£ 82
Yellow Metal	d. 7 11/16

Tin plates—

I. C. Coke 14×20 112 sheets per box weighing 90lbs. C. I. F., Liverpool	£ 0 13 7 1/2

Bar Iron :—

Belgian Ordinary Sizes F. O. B., Antwerp	£ 6 2 6
Iron Corrugated Sheets 24 gauge G. O. B. 4 7 F. O. B. Liverpool	£ 12 2 6
Basic Steel Bars C. I. F. India	£ 6 12 6

ARRIVALS :—

"Ville de Tamature." "Silesia"

"Wensleydale"

IMPORTS OF TREASURE.

Packages.	Value.	From	Vessel.	Importer.
	Rs.			
35 Boxes Silver.	2,28,051	Tientsin	Marmora	Chartered Bank
1 Parcel Gold Coins	2,800	Trieste	Africa	A G H A A Reza
52 Boxes Sycee Silver	...	Shanghai	Marmora	Supdt V and P Docks

BOMBAY MARKETS.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.] [25TH SEPTEMBER, 1907.

FINANCIAL.

Bank Rates—

Bank of England	4½ per cent.	from 12th Aug.
Bank of Bengal	4 per cent.	" 12th Sept.
Bank of Bombay	3 per cent.	" 1st Aug.
Bank of Madras	4 per cent.	" 9th July.

Money :—

Borrowers at 3 per cent. per annum for two months fixed.

Exchange :—

The market opened quiet at 1/4 T. T. and 1s. 4 1/32d. on demand, but with one or two Banks giving 1/32 better both for transfers and Bank bills at which small lines were placed. Credits are steady at 1s 4 9/32 3 months' sight and some bills for near delivery were placed at that rate. The Market closed early pending the result of to-day's council bill sale.

Far Eastern rates are quiet.

We quote :—

T. T. on London	1s. 4 to 1s 4 1/32d.
Demand Draft	1s. 4 1/32 to 1/4 1/16d.
Credits— 3 months' sight ...	1s 4 9/32d.
Do. 6 months' sight ...	1s. 4 15/32d.
Do. 3 months' sight—France...	170 1/2
Do. 3 months' sight—Marks....	129 1/4
Hongkong—30 days' sight... ...	164 1/2
Yokohama—30 days' sight ...	150 1/4
Shanghai—30 days' sight ...	224

Government Paper :—

There has been a moderate business passing in the Government paper market to-day, but the fluctuations have been trifling. In the morning ready paper was quoted at 97 3/16, the settlement rate being 97 1/8. The 31st October settlement is quoted at 97 but for that account nothing much has been reported. Calcutta market is advised unchanged at 97 ready and 96 15/16 for delivery in a month.

We quote :—

Cash	Rs. 100
1st Instalment	" 97
2nd Instalment	" 97 —

Bullion :—

Both the London and American silver markets closed unchanged on Tuesday the former at 31s 1/16d and 31s 3/16d for ready and forward respectively, and the latter at 67 1/4. The local market has been steady at 78 11/16 ex-duty for ready bars, forward rates being as noted below.

Bar gold is unchanged.

We quote :—

	Rs	A.	P.
English Bar Gold	24	1	0
Australian Bar Gold	24	0	6
Bombay Bar Gold	24	0	0
English Shield Sovereigns	15	0	0
English Dragon Sovereigns	15	0	0
Silver ex Duty—Ready	78	11	0
Ditto 1st Settlement ...	78	11	0
Ditto 2nd " ...	79	0	0

COTTON.

Market Report :—

There is little change in the Home markets, but locally prices for New Crop are Rs. 2 to Rs. 3 higher owing to the absence of rain up-country and to buying by the bazaar. For export there is little doing.

In spot cotton there was a moderate business done at Colaba.

The market closes steady as under :—

NEW CROP.

QUOTATIONS :—

	Rs.	Delivery.
Fine M. G. Broach	278/79	March 08
Good M. G. Broach	204	"
Fine " Nagpur Kampti ...	238/39	Jany. 08
" " Damangaum Pulgaum ...	220	"
" " Khanganm Akola ...	220	"
" " Amraoti	220	"
" " Muttia	210	"
F. G. M. G. Khandesh ...	200/01	"
Fine M. G. " ...	210	"
" Bengals ...	205	"
F. G. H. G. Bengals ...	207	Dece. 07
Fine Bhownagger	209/10	Nov. 07
Good Bhownagger	197/98	Jany. 08

Liverpool Opener :—

Opening Tone		Firm.
Estimated Sales		7,000 bales.

Future Delivery Prices :—

Sept.-Oct.	Oct.-Nov.	Nov.-Dec.	Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb
6·13	6·09	6·05	6·04	6·03
+05	+06	+05	+06	+06
Feb.-March	Mar.-Apr.	Apr.-May	May-June.	
6·04	6·05	6·06	6·06	
+06	+06	+06	+06	

MISCELLANEOUS.

Linseed :—

The market is firmer with a moderate enquiry. We quote :—

Ready...	Rs.	7 13	0 B. T.
September	"	8 2	0 R. T.

Rapeseed :—

The market is quiet with little doing. We quote :—

Brown Cawnpore	Rs.	9 11	0
Yellow Guzerat	"	10 9	0

Gingellyseed :—

Is also quiet with little or no demand, and rates are easier. We quote :—

Bold White 85 p. c. ...	Rs.	55	8	0 Dec.-Jan.
" " 75 p. c. ...	"	54	0	0 "
Black Kutni	"	47	0	0 "

Poppyseed :—

Tone—Quiet.	Rs.	11	11 0

Castorseed :—

Tone—Steadier.	Rs.	38	8 0

Cottonseed :—

Tone—Steady.	Rs.	21	8 0

Mowraseed :—

Tone—Steady.	Rs.	5	10 0

Wheat :—

White Delhi, ...	Rs.	5	8	0
New White Delhi,	Rs.	5	1	0 Apl.-May

Tone—Firmer.

THE SHARE MARKET.

Banks :—	
Bombay	1,360
India	64
Indian Specie Bank	49
Mills :—	
Century	1,700
David	428 3/4
Empress	440
Howard and Bullough	580
Kohinoor...	750
Maneckji Petit	3,300
Standard...	1,250
Textile	1,200
Presses :—	
Breul's Cawnpore	200
Hingoli	125
New Mofussil	630
Volkart's United	1,100
Miscellaneous :—	
Alcock Ashdown and Co... ...	320
Badham Pile and Co.	128
Bombay Flour Mill	950
Colaba Land and Mill	1,047 1/2
Delhi Flour Mill	157
Marcks and Co	128
Shivrajpur Mining Syndicate.	60
Telephone Co.	39 1/2
Treacher and Co	563 3/4
Railways :—	
Ahmedabad-Prantej	560
Amritsar-Patti	111
Tapti-Valley	480

RECEIPTS.

The following are the receipts of Cotton and Produce into Bombay during the 24 hours ended at 6 p.m. yesterday :—

Cotton	578	bales.
Wheat	8,457	cwts.
Linseed	2,232	"
Rapeseed...	3,992	"
Gingellyseed	362	"
Poppyseed	1,310	"
Groundnuts	27	"
Castorseed	1,959	"
Rice	4,066	"
Myrabollams	606	"
Cottonseed	5,858	"
Mowraseed	6,143	"
Gram	302	"
Jowar	61	"
Maize	Nil	

Quotations Received by Wire.

MADRAS, SEPT. 25.

The following are the London quotations have been received through Messrs. Scott and Tod, to-day :—

Mines.	Share.	Paid up.	Buyers.	Sellers.
Anantapur Gold ...	£1	10s.	£0 16 3	£0 18 6
Balaghat ...	£1	£1	£0 10 0	£0 11 3
Champion Reefs ...	2s. 6d	2s. 6d.	£0 7 0	£0 8 3
Hosur Gold	£1	15s. 4d.	£0 2 0	£0 2 6
Ooregum	£1	8s. 0d.	£0 2 3	£0 2 9
Dhar, Gold Mines ...	£1	£1	£1 0 0	£1 2 6
Dharwar Reefs ...	£1	£1	£0 0 6	£0 1 0
G. F. Mysore ...	£1	£1	£0 0 6	£0 1 0
Glenrock, Ind ...	10s.	9s. 9d.	£0 13 0	£0 14 3
G. F. Dharwar ...	£1	£1	£0 10 0	£0 11 3
Hutti	£1	£1	£1 8 9	£1 11 3
Hyderabad Deccan ...	£3	£3	£3 3 9	£3 6 3
Ind. Mines Syn ...	4s.	3s.	£0 0 3	£0 0 9
Kempinkoti New ...	9s.	8s.	£0 0 6	£0 1 0
Mysore Gold	10s.	10s.	£1 11 3	£5 13 9
Mysore Reef Ord. ...	£1	£1	£0 0 3	£0 0 9
Mysore West	£1	10s.	£0 0 3	£0 0 9
Mysore Wynaad ...	10s.	10s.	£0 10 3	£0 0 9
Nundydroog	10s.	10s.	£1 3 6	£1 3 6
Ooregum (Ord) ...	10s.	10s.	£0 6 0	£0 6 9
Ooregum (Pref) ...	10s.	10s.	£0 9 6	£0 10 6
Road Block	£1	£1	£0 1 0	£0 1 6
Sangli (New)	£1	18s.	.....	£0 0 3
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MR. L. N. ACHARD, an old South India planter, who is at present planting in the Federated Malay States, writes enthusiastically about the prospects of rubber at Kedah, where he has an estate. Mr. Achard still maintains his reputation as a shikari. We see from a copy of the *Penang Gazette* that he recently shot a tiger within 50 yards of his bungalow on the Padang Serai Estate.

A CORRESPONDENT writes to the "Statesman" from Cuttack :—"The chief talk of Cuttack just now is about a large comb factory which has been built here under the direction of Mr. Howard Lucy. The factory is fitted with all the latest machinery and an expert in comb-making has been secured from a well-known Scottish firm. It is curious that comb-making has not been introduced into India before now, for no doubt an immense number of combs are imported annually into India. This factory is the first of its kind in India, and is expected to be in full swing by the beginning of the new year."

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OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTH.

IRVINE—Sept. 23, at Mangalore, the wife of Captain F. D. Irvine R. E., of a son.

MORPHEW—Sept. 19, at Kallana, the wife of Major B. M. Morphew, R.A.M.C., of a son.

MARRIAGES.

BADCOCK—TAPSELL—Sept. 17, at St. Stephen's Church, Cotacamund, by the Rev. A. R. Storer, M.A., Christopher Frampton Badcock, Professor, Dental Surgery, Medical College, Madras, to Nellie, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tapsell, of Glenbrook, Coty, and grand daughter of the late Henry Tapsell, Esq., Collector of Salt Customs, Punjab, and niece of the late Harry Marten, Esq., C.I.E., Controller of P. W. Accounts, United Provinces.

GURDON—DUNCAN—Sept. 2, Major B. E. M. Gurdon, Indian Army, to Evelyn Agnes, widow of the late Capt. Frank Duncan, 23rd Sikh Pioneers.

DEATHS.

BAIROS—Sept. 18, at Vypeen, Cochin, John Manuel Bairos, in his 80th year.

CALDER—Sept. 21, at the residence of his parents, Church Road, Vepery, Madras, after a long illness, Laurie Donald, the dearly loved younger son of Mr. and Mrs. James G. Calder, and Senior Chorister of St. George's Cathedral, aged 14 years.

GARDINER—Sept. 23, at Vepery, Madras, Charles Henry Kennet Gardiner, in his 64th year.

KAMCKE—Sept. 21, at 169 Cornwallis Street, Calcutta, Peter Victor Francis, son of the Rev. Victor W. R. and Mrs. Kamcke, aged 1½ months.

NORRIS—Sept. 20, at the Victoria Hospital, Bangalore, Fanny Louisa, the beloved wife of Inspector G. Norris.

WEST—Sept. 22, at Lucknow, of cholera, Mac B.Mri. West, Inspectress of Schools, United Provinces.

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Municipal Corporation, 3-30 p.m.

Jumna Ginning and Pressing Company, adjourned meeting, 7 Marine Street, 3-30 p.m.

Gaiety Theatre : Pierrot Entertainment.

B. B. R. A. Society Meeting at 6 p.m. (S.T.)

Race for the Sporting Age Cup, Cooperage, 5-15 p.m.

PHASES OF THE MOON.—September 29th, Last Quarter, 5h. 7-1 p.m. September 30th, in Apogee, 6-5h. p. m.

THE WEEK'S CALENDAR.

Friday, September 27.—P. and O. s. s. Arabia, with English Mails of 13th inst., due to arrive at 6 a. m. Gaiety Theatre : Pierrot Entertainment. Sun rises, 6h. 28m.; Sun sets, 6h. 32m.; High water, 2 41m., 2-25a.; Low water, 8-15m., 8-25a.

Saturday, September 28.—Meeting of the Bombay Legislative Council, Poona, 12 noon. Bombay University Senate meeting 5-45 p. m. Cricket : Bombay Gymkhana A and B Teams *vs.* Baronet Cricket Club and Graham's Cricket Club, respectively. Sun rises, 6h. 28m. Sun sets, 6h. 31m. High water, 3-22m., 2-58a. Low water, 8-58m., 9-5a.

Sunday, September 29.—18th Sunday after Trinity. Sun rises, 6h., 29m.; Sun sets, 6h. 30m. High water, 4-0m., 3-34a.; Low water, 10-1m., 9-59a.

Monday, September 30.—Western India Spinning and Manufacturing Company, 13 Hummum Street, 2-15 p. m. Hindustan Spinning and Weaving Mills Company, 12 Hummum Street, 2-45 p.m. Bamanlua Manganese Company, Royal Insurance Buildings, Church Gate Street, 4 p.m. St. Mary's Boys' Annual Athletic Sports, 4-30 p. m. Sun rises, 6h. 29m.; Sun sets, 6h. 29m. High water, 5-18m., 4-32a.; Low water, 0-31m., 11-13a.

Tuesday, October 1.—St. Mary's Boys' Annual Athletic Sports, 4-30 p. m. Sun rises, 6h. 29m. Sun sets, 6h. 29m. High water, 7-25m., 6-33a. Low water, 1-49a.

Wednesday, October 2.—Municipal Standing Committee, 4-9 p. m. Bombay Gymkhana Mud Sports, Sun rises, 6h. 29m.; Sun sets, 6h. 28m. High water, 8-45 m., 8-24a.; Low water, 1-3m., 2-40a.

B. B. R. A. SOCIETY.—A meeting of the Society will be held this afternoon, when a paper on "The Parasariya Dharma Sastra," by the late Mr. Shamrao Vithal, communicated by the President, will be read.

ELECTRIC TRAM EXTENSION:—Since yesterday, electric tram-cars replace the old horse-trams between the Victoria Gardens and the Parel Terminus, and passengers can now travel from Grant Buildings to Parel Terminus in through cars.

THE MAHIM CHARITABLE DISPENSARY.—The following is the statement showing the number of patients who attended the J. N. Wadia Mahim Charitable Dispensary, Bombay, during August :—Males 744, Females 517, Male children 820, Female children 240: Total 1,821. The average attendance was 58·7.

BOMBAY LADIES' BRANCH, NATIONAL INDIAN ASSOCIATION.—A lecture will be given by Principal E. B. Talati, M. A., on old Bombay, and illustrated by Magic Lantern, to-day at 5-30 p.m. (S. T.) at the residence of Mrs. Narotum M. Goculdas, Shanbi Bhavan, Peddar Road, kindly lent for the occasion. Purdah arrangements will be made. Members are invited to bring a lady friend.

INSTANTANEOUS DEATH.—Bica Nathaba, (23), a Hindi labourer, of Gun Carriage Road, was working on the top of a number of stacked pressed-cotton bales in a godown at Colaba yesterday, when in pushing them down, he overbalanced himself and fell on the ground, a height of about 20 feet. He fell on his head, which struck a beam, with the result that his skull was completely smashed. Death was instantaneous.

DISOBEDIENT FIREMAN.—At the Esplanade Police Court yesterday before Mr. J. W. S. Dracup, William Welch Ulyss Bovinsky, a fireman on board the s. s. *Foyle*, was charged at the instance of Captain Walsh, master of the vessel, with wilful disobedience of lawful commands. The accused was asked by the Chief Engineer to do certain work on the 12th and the 23rd instant, but he refused on both occasions. The Magistrate convicted the accused and sentenced him to undergo one week's rigorous imprisonment and to forfeit two days' wages.

A GLOBE-TROTTER.—The inevitable penniless globe-trotter is with us still. He arrived the other night from Madura by boat, looking bloodshot and dishevelled, but fit. He is a Frenchman, with no particular object of his peregrinations, except perhaps the love of notoriety and an objection to a common place existence—and work! He has been wandering about for years, started from Brussels on 1st March 1901, on a walking tour round the world for a wager. M. Gerard was stricken down with fever in Shanghai, and had to return to France to recuperate and thus lost his bet. He is now at it again and is wanting the money to take him to Pondicherry.

UNREQUITED KINDNESS.—At the Esplanade Police Court yesterday before Mr. J. W. S. Dracup, Inspector Fuller charged Bhadri Balkrishna, a Hindu, with the theft of articles of clothing and jewellery and some money, of the collective value of Rs. 104, the property of one Gopal Khoorsy. The evidence showed that the complainant and the accused lived together and the former maintained the latter out of charity. On Monday night they went to a theatre and while there the accused managed to slip away, went to the complainant's house and removed the property in question. The accused was convicted and sentenced to two months' rigorous imprisonment.

EXAMINATION OF ARTICLED CLERKS.—Two of the Articled Clerks who appeared at the examination for the office of Solicitor of the High Court, in April last, obtained a certificate from the Examiners to the effect that they were fit candidates to appear at a special examination to be held in September, 1907. The special examination commenced on Tuesday in the Office of the Commissioner of the High Court and will be concluded to-morrow. The two candidates are Mr. Hormasji Bejonji Banaji, and Mr. Dalmenian Johnston Overseer. The Examiners are Mr. A. F. Oliver, Master in Equity and Commissioner; Mr. M. R. Jardine, Clerk of the Crown; and Mr. F. V. Smith, Solicitor of the firm of Messrs. Little and Co.

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THURSDAY, SEPT. 26, 1907.

THE ANGLO-RUSSIAN CONVENTION.

A FULLER forecast of the Anglo-Russian Convention is published and shows the Russian *Retch* to have been correct in its guess of Thursday last. There has been, therefore, no master-stroke of diplomacy. One of our easily pleased contemporaries at Home says : "We have given up nothing and we have gained much by relief from the nightmare of Russian invasion." We in India never suffered from any such nightmare, so we have gained nothing. We have given up the right to push our commerce north of Ispahan : therefore we have lost much. The general position of the Indian Government is not strengthened, either clearly or otherwise. The statesmanship of Sir Edward Grey and the "unsuspected aptitude for diplomacy" displayed by Mr. Morley have consented to the tying of our hands in the northern half of Persia, the surrender of our commercial and political independence and the handing over of the destinies of Persia to the tender mercies of a nation little more advanced than herself. The *Daily News* turns on its own Party and condemns the Convention as handing over the destinies of the awakening Persians to the most reactionary Power in Europe and excluding British traders from the wealthiest portion of Persia, And our contemporary is quite right in its estimation of the situation when it adds : "We have paid a heavy price in Asia in order to create in Europe a counterpoise to the Power which is often opposed to us." We have sacrificed rights and privileges, which there was no occasion to sacrifice, and besides abandoning promising Persian markets we have deliberately thrown away whatever advantage we obtained by the expenditure of life and treasure in Tibet. "Much cry and little wool" is a phrase which best describes the "master-stroke." The *Standard* thinks we ought to rejoice that an arrangement has been reached, "even if it is shown we have made a bad bargain." But the English people prefer sounder reasoning than that of which this is a specimen.

We have sacrificed much and gained nothing but an agreement which is not worth the paper it is written on, nor will it ever be, except to the historical curio-hunter or a speculative collector of autographs. What agreement with Russia ever was or ever will be? With reference to Afghanistan, Great Britain declares she has no intention of changing the political position there —a declaration which has been made many times—and she undertakes to exercise her influence—as she always has done—only in the direction of peace, and not to take any measures or to encourage measures threatening to Russia. Russia undertakes to recognise Afghanistan as outside the Russian sphere of influence and to act in all political relations through England, not sending any agents to Afghanistan. But Russia is at liberty to develop trade with Afghanistan, and we do not find anything to prevent the despatch of the scientific and religious missions which Russia is so prone to despatch to places where she is supposed not to have political agents. The brief summary published by the *Retch* caused us to hesitate before accepting the assurance of the Government organs that a brilliant feat of diplomacy had been accomplished. The fuller message—also from a Russian source, be it remembered, but still days before the British Government gives us any information concerning it—is as unconvincing as its predecessor with regard to successful British diplomacy. Accepting the summary given in our telegraphic columns as correct, we are reluctantly forced to the conclusion that except in name the Convention is an absurdity, and a travesty on the name of diplomacy.

"VICEROY AND GOVERNOR-GENERAL."

THE Administrative volume of the new *Imperial Gazetteer* settles in an authoritative manner the question started some time ago in the Bombay Municipal Corporation as to whether there is any office of the Viceroy of India separate from that of the Governor-General. It was sought to be argued that the Viceroy held the office of representative of the Crown, whilst the Governor-General was the head of the administration in India, and that it was only an accident that the two offices were combined in one individual. It was urged against this view, at the time, that there was no "office" known to law, of Viceroy which was merely a title not even recognised in the Warrant of Appointment of a Governor-General issued under the Sign Manual of the Sovereign. Mr. Karkaria, who at the time wrote an exhaustive article in the *Calcutta Review* on "The Office of the Governor-General," went minutely into all the authorities and disposed of the plea that there was a separate "office" of the Viceroy as representative of the Crown. He also quoted the opinion of Sir Courtenay Ilbert, —at present Clerk of the House of Commons and author of the book on "Government of India," the second edition of which, recently published, we reviewed the other day,—conveyed to him in a letter to the effect that "there is no separate office of Viceroy as distinguished from the office of Governor-General, and that Viceroy is merely a title of the Governor-General as representative of the Crown." This opinion of one who is rightly called the highest living authority on Indian polity ought to suffice to set this question at rest. But the *Imperial Gazetteer* furnishes further proof, if such were needed, in the same direction. In its chapter on the Government of India it thus refers to the subject : "This designation 'Viceroy,' though it is that most frequently used in ordinary parlance, has no statutory authority, and has never been employed by Parliament. It originated in the well-known Proclamation of 1858, which announced the assumption of the Government of India by the Crown, and in so doing referred to Lord Canning, who had already been appointed Governor-General by the retiring Board of Directors, as the first 'Viceroy and Governor-General.' None of the Warrants appointing Lord Canning's successors refers to them as 'Viceroys'; and the title which is frequently employed in Warrants of Precedence, in the statutes of the Indian Orders, and in public notifications, appears to be one of ceremony, which may most appropriately be used in connection with the State and Social functions of the Sovereign's representative; for the Governor-General is the sole representative of the Crown in India." The *Gazetteer* is published, as stated on the title page, under the authority of His Majesty's Secretary of State for India in Council, and in the preface mention is made of "the character of official authority that attaches to the work. Hence the sentences quoted above give the official and authoritative pronouncement on the subject, which once for all puts an end to this needless and futile controversy which, as Mr. Karkaria well said, made an absurd attempt to hypostatise the Viceroy and split into two personalities what was one and indivisible. It was audacious enough on the part of certain members of the Corporation to run counter to such men as Sir Courtenay Ilbert, Sir George Chesney and Sir John Strachey on matters pertaining to Indian Constitution. But it would argue something more than audacity if they ever assert again in distinct opposition to "the authority of His Majesty's Secretary of State for India in Council," that the Viceroy is the representative of the Crown and the Governor-General the head of the administration in India, and that the two can be differentiated from one another.

THE STAFF COLLEGE DINNER.

WE must congratulate the Commander-in-Chief and the Staff and graduates of the Indian Staff College on the excellent results they have achieved. The record, it is true, was revealed in post-prandial orations on Tuesday evening, when Staff College officers were out the best of terms with themselves and the world in general. But we gather from the observations of Lord Kitchener and General Duff that the hopes of the founders of the College have been fully realised and even better results are anticipated now that the College has been transferred from its temporary quarters at Deolali to the permanent ones at Quetta. The only complaint with the new premises, so far, according to General Duff, is that the number of married quarters is greater than the number of married students. That is perhaps not a matter for regret, as in the opinion of many people a soldier married is a soldier marred. "There may be some connection between matrimony and military ambition," observed General Duff, "though I should not like to assert this as a fact in Lord Kitchener's presence,"—which was probably wise, though we do not notice that the Commander-in-Chief shows any partiality for the unmarried officer in making his appointments. Camberley men fear that in this country their claims may be overlooked and preference given to men from the Indian College, and we are not quite sure that the Staff Officer trained in this country would not be more successful in the performance of his duties; but General Duff says that no preference is given to one or the other, and he desired publicly to state this fact that what the Commander-in-Chief looks to, in making his selections, is to get hold of the best men. Lord Kitchener's speech was brief and to the point and he inculcated a valuable precept to the future Staff Officers of the Army in India when he asked them never to lose sight of this paramount consideration, that all questions of organisation as well as training, existing or proposed, in the Army should be judged by the test of their suitability under war conditions. "In a nation like ours this ideal cannot always be reached and it is frequently necessary to accept the attainable, but the ideal should always be there present to our minds and we should work towards it, slowly, it may be, but ceaselessly and with no uncertainty of purpose."

THE TRADE OF BUSRA.

MR. CONSUL CREW gives a very businesslike report of the trade of Busra in 1906. The value of exports, it seems, increased £159,425 as compared with the previous year, for though the date harvest was not up to the average, competition in the American market kept prices very high. Against this is an increase of 12,636 tons in the export of grain with a decline in value of £46,343. Dates declined almost to the same extent—9,684 tons, but the gain in value was £91,328. The fall in the value of grain is accounted for by the bad state of the London barley market. Imports, too, show a healthy state, there being an increase in value of £123,936 over those of 1905. This seems chiefly to have been due to speculation in sugar, which was imported to the extent of £40,843 more than in the previous year. Germany, France, Russia and Belgium all participated in the speculation, but exported too freely and the market is now overstocked. One of the most interesting parts of the report relates to the German trade. An agency of the Hamburg-Amerika line, it will be remembered, was established at Busra at the end of 1906. The line is represented by the firm of Robert Wonckhaus and Company. Four vessels called during the year—in September, October, November and December. The "Hans Menzel," another German vessel, was chartered by a Greek firm in Busra and arrived in ballast, and one of the Hamburg-America ships made a journey to the bar in order to lighten a sister-ship. Thus six German vessels sailed, but only five cleared outwards. German returns give the total imports of the four vessels of the Hamburg-Amerika Line in 1906, *viz.*, Canadia, Sicilia, Savoia, and Hungaria, as 45,660 packages, value £108,650, and the total exports by the same vessels at 178,800, value £87,800, besides 3,550 tons of grain, value £13,100. The chartered German vessel "Hans Menzel" took 1,898 tons of dates valued at £16,968. The whole cargo was consigned to ports in Turkey and the Levant. German imports to Busra by the Hamburg-Amerika Line amounted to 24,954 packages and 1,297 tons of coal. The remainder of the cargo was forwarded to Baghdad. The Persian Gulf section of the Hamburg-Amerika Line is, according to the statement of its agent, unsubsidised. The service is monthly, and the vessels call at Antwerp, Marseilles, Port Said, Suez, Port Sudan, Jibuti, Muscat, Lingah, Bushire, and Busra. Outward freight is from £1 to £1 2*s.* 6*d.* and homeward freight 17*s.* 6*d.* per ton. Judging, however, by the nature of the imports brought by these vessels, there is a very heavy subsidy on the trade, even if it does not go directly into the ship-owners' coffers. The Imperial Ottoman Bank has been making an effort to establish some order in exchange matters, but a great deal has to be done to in a country where a single coin has varying exchange values when in use for the purchase of different articles. Still the reform has been commenced.

OPIUM IN BOMBAY.

IN recent years there has been a steadily decreasing demand for Malwa opium in China and, in addition, the trade last year was greatly restricted by the uncertainty as to what action would be taken by the British and Chinese Governments with a view to reducing the consumption in China. Exporters were naturally not inclined to take the risk of making large shipments, and the failure of two of the exporting firms had considerable effect on the market. As a result, the total exports during 1906-7 were 13,321½ chests as compared with 14,088 in 1905-6 and 18,986 in 1904-5 and 25,340 in 1903-4. The decrease in the foreign demand had an immediate effect on prices, and the average price in Bombay last year was Rs. 1,362 per chest for one year old and Rs. 1,473 for two year old stock, as against Rs. 1,556 and Rs. 1,688, respectively, during the preceding year. The decrease of exports from Bombay was felt generally by the different Agencies. Indore suffered most, with Chitore next, but Rutlam and Dhar, Jaora and Bhopal also suffered. On the other hand the exports from Mandesar, Baran and Ahmedabad increased greatly, the first named by over a thousand chests. The actual duty realized was Rs. 82,75,200 against Rs. 85,43,500, a decrease of over two and a half lakhs. The total Imperial revenue, however, was Rs. 83,06,822 as compared with Rs. 85,63,999 in the preceding year. The expenses showed a slight increase, but amounted only to Rs. 33,260.

AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY.

PUBLIC opinion in Australia would seem to be strongly against the scheme which Sir John Forrest is formulating for the issue of Government Bank-notes. So far the matter has only reached a stage in which the Federal Treasurer has ordered the drafting of two Bills for his private consideration, but, as the *Sydney Morning Herald* points out, it is impossible to believe that the Cabinet is entirely ignorant of Sir John Forrest's intention. The general view of the matter will be that further procedure will be distinctly ill advised. There is little need for any such issue and under present conditions the creation of Government paper money is undesirable for the Commonwealth. There is at present an adequate scheme working admirably, and extension of that scheme or diversion into different channels—which is what Sir John Forrest would do—must cause a sense of insecurity in the money market. Only in the case of absolute necessity can the issue of Government paper money be approved, and in this case not only is there no necessity but it would have an undesirable effect on the progress of banking in the Colony.

SIR GEORGE ARBUTHNOT'S CONVICTION.

AFTER a trial lasting many days, Sir George Arbuthnot has been found guilty of misappropriating funds, and sentenced to eighteen months' rigorous imprisonment. The story of the Arbuthnot banking failure and its sequelæ are well-known, and although much sympathy will be felt for Sir George who was driven by financial straits into committing an offence against the law, it cannot be said that his punishment errs on the side of severity. There have been countless sufferers as the outcome of his offences and it was necessary for the vindication of the law that adequate punishment should be meted out to him.

IT is believed that the Babu accused in the Darjeeling Mail outrage is mentally affected.

THE new Royal Indian Marine Survey Ship *Investigator* is now on her way out from Home.

THE Florio and Rubattino S. N. Co.'s s. s. *Iachia*, from Hongkong, arrived at Singapore on the 24th instant.

THE Florio and Rubattino S N. Co.'s s. s. *Deo Baldwino* from Genoa arrived at Suez on the 25th instant for Aden and Bombay.

A BARISAL telegram to the *Bengalee* states that the *Hetaishi* sedition case was postponed to the 1st of October.

CONGRATULATORY telegrams are being published by the *Bengalee* on the acquittal of Arabindo Ghose and Hemendra Nath Bagchi, the Editor and Manager, respectively, of the *Bande Mataram*.

IN Leakat Hussain's case, the Judge was moved for bail, and a notice has been issued to the opposite party to show cause why bail should not be granted, returnable on the 27th instant.

THE NEPALESE Government, which lately prohibited the introduction of *Bande Mataram* and *India* into Nepal, have now extended the prohibition to all papers published in the vernacular.

THE statement of traffic of the Ahmedabad-Prantej Railway for the week ending 10th August last, amounted to Rs. 2,762, being a decrease on the corresponding week of the previous year of Rs. 1,209. The total earnings from 1st July to 10th August last were Rs. 26,398, being an increase on the corresponding period of the previous year of Rs. 6,725.

THE statement of traffic of the Ahmedabad-Dholka Railway for the week ending 10th August last amounted to Rs. 1,659, being an increase on the corresponding week of the previous year of Rs. 61. The total earnings from 1st July to 10th August last were Rs. 12,608, being an increase on the corresponding period of the previous year of Rs. 2,410.

THE statement of traffic of the Tapti Valley Railway for the week ending 10th August last amounted to Rs. 7,740, being a decrease on the corresponding week of the previous year of Rs. 2,415. The total earnings from 1st July to 10th August last were Rs. 64,219, being an increase on the corresponding period of the previous year of Rs. 1,916.

PLAYS AND PASTIMES.

RE-ENTER "THE CHRISTIAN."

Ellen Terry and India.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 6.

Mr. Hall Caine has re-written his play "The Christian." Long ago, after the first performance of the original version at the Duke of York's Theatre in October, 1899, the author remarked to me "Had I been present in the audience as a critic, I too should have been found strongly in condemnation of the play as presented. This is not the drama that I conceived or the drama that I wrote."

With the problem of the fallen woman, as with the question of the reformation of the Church, the playgoer has nothing to do, save as motive for drama. The play's the thing, and all else is but a herring dragged more or less skilfully across the critic's path. Mr. Hall Caine has set himself to preach a sermon in melodrama, and, if there be more sermon in melodrama, the fault is the playwright's, the weakness the drama's, and the weariness that of the audience. The author assumes to himself a great theme—the physical relation of woman to man—a theme which he rightly calls "the gravest problem that is on the forehead of the time to come;" but his exposition of it is lost in much vain exploitation of a side issue—the rescue of the outcasts of society.

Mr. Hall Caine has stated his theorem in such plain words that one may be equally plain in rebuttal of his deduction. Drama is not concerned with the dogmatta expressed in the speeches of the characters, but with the demonstrated outcome of their acts. In the presence of the law "The Christian" reaches a conclusion diametrically opposed to the proposition enunciated by the playwright, and accepted by the majority of the audience on Saturday night. Glory Quayle is not saved by the purity of John Storm and the power of his religion, but the domination of her love. She follows the course of her preference as truly to John Storm as does Black Meg to the pander, Bertie, and Polly Love to the blackguardly aristocrat, Lord Robert Ure. In that fact lay matter for a great play had Mr. Hall Caine chosen to avail himself of it. In a play so lacking in conviction it is little wonder that an actor so downright as Mr. Matheson Lang has difficulty in impressing himself upon the audience. In the oppening he is of necessity unreal. In the Home of Refuge he is too manifestly clerical to be human. It is not till the last act, when at length he is wholly man, that he has opportunity to prove the art that is within him. Miss Alice Crawford is a wholly charming Glory Quayle acting a part that possesses life.

Having written his play, Mr. Hall Caine has paragraphed and boomed it in his own immitable manner. The critics have attacked him and he has attacked the critics. Meanwhile, the Lyseum is crowded to suffocation every night.

ELLEN TERRY AND INDIA.

As is well-known, Miss Ellen Terry and her husband Mr. James Carew are on a provincial tour, playing "Capt. Brassbound's Conversion;" and last week they visited Hastings and Worthing, playing to large and enthusiastic houses. In the course of an interview at Hastings, Miss Terry, was delighted with the result so far of her tour. Asked whether there was any foundation for the expectation that before long she and Mr. Carew would set out on a tour round the world, or at any rate visit Australia, and possibly India, Miss Terry replied :—"Ah that is in the next life. If I were to go to India I am afraid I should never come back. I have long wanted to go, but that has gone past with many of my ambitions.

"But are you not planning a greater tour than is included in another visit to the States or further tours in England?" was the next question.

"Well," was the response, "we have got many ideas as to the future, but we are not able to state them. So far as our present tour is concerned, we have no idea when we shall complete it; probably, we shall go on for some time longer yet."

Miss Terry added, "This is my third or fourth visit to Hastings to play here, and I am again delighted with the place."

Mr. Carew referred to the enthusiastic reception Miss Terry and the company had met with everywhere and to the pleasurable character of the tour, proceeding as they were by motor from town to town.

After leaving the South they would visit the London suburban theatres, but what their further plans were they could not say.

Personally, he liked English life very much. To an actor touring in the provinces it was more agreeable than a similar life in America, because the distances they had to travel were not so great.

Referring to English as compared with American audiences he thought the former were more enthusiastic. One thing struck him—that they did not forget an actor they had once seen but were ever ready to welcome him again. As regarded their theatres, well, America, in the smaller towns where they had built beautifully proportioned theatres, had the advantage. Human nature was the same all the world over, and the audiences in various parts of the world appreciated the same situations, the same jokes; in fact the same things touched the popular fancy everywhere as a rule.

"THE TRUTH."

The run of Mr. Clyde Fitch's very clear, clever play, "The Truth," interrupted by the holiday season, has been resumed at the Comedy Theatre. In the heroine, Becky Warder, Mr. Fitch has got hold of a genuine character type—the woman in whom lying is a disease, who lies without excuse and without motive, every time she opens her mouth. He has somewhat obscured his theme by making her conduct in other respects incredibly reckless—such indeed as to give her, when it comes to the pinch, a very cogent motive for some of her mendacity. Moreover, he has not been very happy in some of his minor adjustments. Tom Warder and Becky, for example, ought to have been married for six months not for six years: for no man could have lived with her six years; and not discovered her utter inability to tell the truth. But it is only on reflection that these cavils suggest themselves. While the play is in progress the author's unfailing cleverness and Miss Marie Tempest's brilliant acting carry all before them and keep us too much amused and interested to pick holes. Miss Tempest's performance of Becky is one of the very best things she has done, being as admirable in the emotional passages as in those of frivolity and gaminerie. Mr. Dion Boucicault makes an excellent study of Becky's disreputable father.

REHEARSING AN AVALANCHE.

That home of thrills and sensations, the London Hippodrome, is now the scene of fresh excitements which take place between the regular performances when the rehearsals of the new spectacle, "The Avalanche," are put in progress.

If one is in search of a real live thrill—the sort of thrill that sends a chill running down your marrowbone—one can do no better than visit one of these rehearsals. A huge shoot or tobogganing slide is erected from the roof to the arena at so precipitous an angle that the eye turns dizzy at beholding it. In a few weeks' time we shall see avalanches pouring in fierce torrents down this awful decline, washing away villages and boulders, houses and rocks in its rush and fury.

At the present moment the villagers are learning how to be "wa hed" down without actually suffering any personal injuries. Mr. Frank Parker, who is producing "The Avalanche," superintends these little affairs, and saunters non-chalantly about the arena, while the villagers come swishing down the shoot into a sheet held in readiness for them at the bottom.

"Now then, my man, come along!" cries Mr. Parker, peering up somewhere into the roof. A man in blue trousers and a French workingman's blouse appears high up above our heads, swings himself from a little platform to the top of the shoot, and then takes his seat on a square piece of matting. "Go!" says Mr. Parker, lighting a cigar.

Like a bolt discharged from a cannou the man comes whizzing down towards us from the heights. He waves his hands above his head and laughs. Swish! He rushes head foremost into the waiting sheet, rolls about for an instant, then emerges laughing.

"Good!" says Mr. Parker.

Then comes another on the same journey, only he shows a slight disposition to grasp at the ropes which guard each side of the shoot.

"Touch those ropes and you break your arm!" says Mr. Parker; "so don't do it."

The next to appear is a lady who smiles confidently as she takes her seat on the slide somewhere up amongst the rafters.

"Come along," says Mr. Parker, in his most paternal manner.

"Go!" The lady, in a miniature sledge, spins downward like a ball before a hurricane. She smiles all the time, but as she finally dives at headlong speed into the sheet, gives a little shrill feminine shriek.

"Try and do that scream every night, will you?" says Mr. Parker, as he gallantly hands the lady out from the sheet and compliments her upon her performance.

And so the rehearsal progresses. The least concerned are the performers. The onlookers declare that it is more exciting than a football match. "The Avalanche" should certainly be the most exciting spectacle of the kind ever witnessed in London.

"THE SINS OF SOCIETY."

On the evening of September 12th, Mr. Arthur Collins will produce his autumn drama, by Mr. Cecil Raleigh and Mr. Henry Hamilton, entitled "The Sins of Society." The title has been selected with considerable judgment, since it is likely to constitute alluring bait not only to the sinners themselves, but to the other and greater class which, not being of the sinful set, loves, as the next best thing, to hear all about the frailties and follies of fashion. But Mr. Arthur Collins and his colleagues are far too experienced in their business to offer nothing more than a dramatic sermon to those who clamour for stronger fare. As a matter of fact, the sins and silliness of certain "smart" people will but form the subject of a few episodes in the play. The value of Drury Lane autumn entertainment must be judged by the dramatic calibre of the piece, by the holding interest of its story, and by the quality of the "sensation" provided. In these features "The Sins of Society," one is ready to believe, is not likely to be found wanting, for there have appeared in public print, every now and then, suggestive hints as to a racecourse, a freak dinner, wireless telegraphy, and the slow and marrow-freezing sinking of a troopship, with every man at his post and the captain "merry an' bright" drowning like an English gentleman on the bridge. That we shall see at "The Lane," while at the foot of Wellington Street Mr. Hall Caine gives us another view of the submerged English. We really ought to be a very righteous people with so much sermon and satire from the stage. But "the play's the thing" after all, and the Drury Lane authors are fully alive to the fact.

VARIETIES.

Negotiations have for some time been in progress as the result of which Miss Pansy Montague, who is better known to audiences as La Millo, may at no very distant date enter upon an engagement at the Alhambra. La Milo's appearance upon the stage of that establishment would, it is understood, be as Lady Godiva in a spectacle to be arranged for the occasion with special scenery by Mr. Ryan.

MR. ELVIN'S NEW SKETCH.

There is hearty laughter at the Oxford over the new sketch, "The King of the Castle," in which Mr Joseph Elvin figures as a flabby husband who is most amazingly changed into a furniture smashing terror by drinking an electrifying potion administered by the family physician. The mixture is forced upon the limp and lifeless house-father at the instigation of his wife and her friends, who are anxious that the master of the house should stoutly resist an impudent demand for rent made by an extortionate landlord. The methods of Mr. Elvin are so thoroughly well known to the bulk of music-hall audiences, and his mannerisms and tricks of speech and gait are so very familiar, that it becomes only necessary to say that as the feeble husband he was broadly amusing, and that under the influence of the draught, he presently sent his audience into roars of laughter. It is very artless humour, but it "gets there" all the time.

FOOTBALL.

The season has started, and all the clubs are optimistic. There is, and very properly too, not one single organisation fearful of a bad or indifferent season. Throughout the country, and more particularly in the south, every enthusiast you meet is the soul of optimism. A prosperous, if not a record, season is prophesied by the patrons of every club in the country. I know no one who can reach the same high level of bright expectations as the football follower. And this evening there will be a wild helter-skelter to all the grounds where matches are to be played.

London has given a tremendous fillip to an already amazingly popular game, and though an old stager is chary to accept the general belief that the association game will be better in every respect than this time last year, it is certain that the sport as a public attraction will assume tremendous, almost unwieldy, proportions.

BOOM IN THE SOUTH.

Most people are intensely interested in the development of the West London district. The coming of Chelsea, the huge football and commercial possibility of the neighbourhood, and the adventure of Fulham as a Second League Club have already created an almost entirely new football public. It is the rise of a young, lusty, remarkably successful club at Stamford Bridge, and the daring but inevitable speculation by Fulham that sets up hopes of a better and higher playing standard generally. London demands the best football.

Chelsea, by commendable enterprise, are in a position to supply the want; Fulham have embarked upon the same bold policy as that pursued by their neighbours, and when you have two such clubs, one already in the best and most exclusive company, and the other seriously striving to reach the same class, Southern League football (as distinct from First and Second League football as it possibly can be) must, if it is to retain its hold on the public, be improved.

Chelsea and Fulham have increased competition to the point of a huge hustle for public favour, and the race for honours and increased prestige should bring higher and better play, and hasten the coming of the day when the various competitions will be a grand amalgamation, flying the banner of a National League.

I have not forgotten Mr. Henry Arthur Jones and his "Hypocrites," but the week has been so crowded that I must reserve any discussion of these good people for another occasion.

R. C.

RATS AND PLAGUE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—Mr. Jivandas in your columns speaks of the Hon. Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtulla as one who, with Dr Viegas, first made known to the world the outbreak of bubonic plague in Bombay eleven years ago. I think a third worthy, the late Dr. Ismail Jan Mahomed shares with them the honour of having first sounded the tocsin, warning people about the new foe, though many disbelieved them then. But this is by the by; it is with your correspondent's argument against rat-killing that I am concerned. "If all the rats were killed," he writes, "there would be nothing to give warning to people to leave their houses, and the result might be disastrous." Where, I would ask, is the need of the warning if the rat did not from his hiding place bring the deadly bacillus in the loaded stomachs of the fleas on his body ready to inoculate man with the fatal poison? The plague bacilli do not go about seeking man. They are safe and innocuous in their hiding place, wherever that place be, whether very deep down in subsoil in particular, congenial surroundings, or generated, growing and maturing within the rat itself, now active and now dormant, but ever and anon, during its vitality, driven in demoniac frenzy, carried by the rat into the midst of human beings, spreading wide, and entering their victim's blood through the wee-bite of the despised flea. Whatever the direct cause of plague, he admits that the rat spreads it. Probably the virus gets into the man's blood through other means as well. Granted this, but does that exempt the rat as at least one definitely known source of infection? We all know the result of saliva, bite and the direct cause of it: the deadly germs is, these all right, but it is harmless to man so long as the colon does not leave its cover and run amuck amongst men injecting poison right and left into people's food and unprotected calves. The rodent is not the beneficent messenger your correspondent takes it to be, when dazed and delirious, with the venom within it, and the colony of living torpedoes on its body, he moves about in the house like a tame pet to appearances but discharging the live torpedoes and floating destruction all round. Recent experiments have established the rat-flea-man fact beyond cavil. I have heard views similar to those expressed by your correspondent about the innocent rat as a peaceful messenger, an alarm-bell, a danger-signaller. It is not so: it is the danger itself. Dr. Turner's campaign for the extermination of rats is in the best interests of humanity, and it behoves all good citizens to help him in his work.—Yours, etc.,

ANANDRAO R. TALCHERKAR.

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ANGLO-RUSSIAN CONVENTION.

FURTHER IMPORTANT DETAILS.

Persia and Afghanistan.

ISOLATING TIBET.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 24.

Reuter's correspondent at St Petersburg telegraphs the following particulars regarding the Anglo-Russian Convention :—

The Convention begins by expressing the sincere desire of King Edward and the Tsar Nicholas to settle the various questions affecting Great Britain and Russia in Asia. Their Majesties, therefore, resolved to conclude Agreements to prevent all cause for misunderstandings with regard to those questions.

The section of the Convention having reference to Persia says : "As Great Britain and Russia have mutually engaged to respect the integrity and independence of Persia, and are desirous of the preservation of order and the pacific development of the country, and of equal commercial and industrial opportunities for all other Nations; and considering the special interest of Great Britain and Russia in the maintenance of peace and order in certain provinces and the avoidance of conflict between their respective interests in those provinces, the two Powers, therefore, agree as follows :—

"Great Britain undertakes not to seek for, and not to support, applications for commercial or political concessions in the territory northward of a line drawn from Kasrishirin, through Ispahan, Gedz and Khaki, to the junction of the Persian, Afghan, and Russian frontiers, and not to oppose applications supported by Russia in that territory, the places abovementioned included.

"Russia undertakes to act in a corresponding manner, with regard to the region southward of a line extending from the Afghan Frontier, through Gazik, Birjand, and Kerman, to Bundar Abbas.

"Great Britain and Russia undertake not to oppose concessions to British and Russian subjects in the intervening region without previous agreement.

"Existing concessions in the first and second regions will be maintained.

PERSIAN BANK LOANS.

"In the event of any irregularities in the service of loans concluded by the Government with the Banque d'Escompte and the Imperial Bank, prior to the Convention, Russia will, in case of necessity, institute control of the revenues assigned to the service of such loans in the second-mentioned region, and Great Britain will do similarly in reference to revenues assigned to loans by the Imperial Bank in the first-mentioned region. The nature of the control is to be mutually agreed upon by Great Britain and Russia, with a view to avoiding intervention incompatible with the principles forming the basis of the Convention.'

AFGHANISTAN.

With reference to Afghanistan, Great Britain declares that she has no intention to change the political position there. She undertakes to exercise her influence only in the direction of peace and not to take any measures, or to encourage measures, threatening to Russia.

The latter recognizes that Afghanistan is outside the Russian sphere of influence, and agrees to act, in all political relations, through Great Britain. Russia also agrees not to send Agents to Afghanistan.

Great Britain undertakes not to annex or occupy any part of Afghanistan contrary to the Kabul Treaty of March 21st, 1905, or to intervene in its internal administration.

The reserve is made that the Amir shall fulfil his engagements under that Treaty.

Specially appointed Russian and Afghan authorities in the frontier districts will be permitted to have direct relations in order to settle local non-political questions.

The principle of commercial equality will be mutually recognized, and all facilities granted to Anglo-Indian commerce will apply also to Russian.

Should the development of commerce necessitate the appointment of Commercial Agents, the two Governments will agree as to the measures to be taken, with due regard to the sovereign rights of the Amir.

The Afghan Agreement will not enter into force till Great Britain notifies Russia of the Amir's consent.

CHINA AND TIBET.

The Tibet section of the Convention recognizes the suzerainty of China and Great Britain's special interests in the maintenance of the present régime and external relations.

Great Britain and Russia agree to respect its territorial integrity, and not to intervene in the internal administration of Tibet, and to treat with Tibet only through China ; but direct relations will be permitted to the British Commercial Agents as mentioned in the Tibetan Convention."

Article I of the Anglo-Chinese Convention is not affected.

Buddhist subjects of Great Britain and Russia may enter into exclusively religious relations direct with the Dalai Lama.

Russia and Great Britain will not send Representatives to Lhasa, and will not seek railway, road, or telegraph, or mining concessions, or other rights, on behalf of themselves or their subjects.

No part of Tibet, either in territory or kind, can be assigned to Russia, or Great Britain, or their subjects.

Great Britain re-affirms her intention to evacuate Chumbi after payment of three instalments of the Tibetan indemnity and the effective opening of the trading centres mentioned in the Convention for three years; and agrees, if the occupation is, for any reasons not terminated by the contemplated date, to enter into a friendly exchange of views with Russia on the subject.

In subsequent correspondence, Great Britain and Russia agree not to permit, without previous Agreement, any scientific mission whatsoever to enter Tibet for three years, and to invite China to do the same.

They will confer afresh on the subject at the end of that period.

PRESS COMMENTS.

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 25.

The *Daily Chronicle* says, the Convention does credit to Sir E. Grey's diplomacy. We have given up nothing and have gained much by relief from the nightmare of Russian invasion.

The *Standard* says "We feel unqualified satisfaction in congratulating Sir E. Grey on his statesmanship and Mr. Morley on his unsuspected aptitude for diplomacy. Even if it is shown that we have made a bad bargain most Englishmen will rejoice that an agreement has been reached. The general position of the Indian Government is clearly strengthened."

The *Daily News* denounces the handing over of the destinies of the awakening Persians to the most reactionary power in Europe and the exclusion of British traders from the wealthiest portion of Persia.

The *Daily News* adds—"We have paid a heavy price in Asia in order to create in Europe a counterpoise to the Power which is often opposed to us."

AMERICAN COTTON INDUSTRY.

Some Interesting Figures.

LARGE EXPANSION.

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 25.

A telegram from New York states that the Census Bureau reports that during the year 1906-07 all the American manufacturers took 5,296,783 running bales of cotton as compared with 4,820,990 in 1905-06. The stock held by manufacturers on August 31st was 996,279 bales as compared with 688,312 on the same date in 1906. The number of active cotton spindles was 26,242,407 as compared with Rs. 25,250,096 in the preceding year.

THE ANTWERP STRIKE.

Demand for More Wages Pressed.

RESUMPTION OF WORK PROBABLE.

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 25.

The Antwerp dockers have decided to resume work on Thursday on the condition that their wages are increased within a fortnight.

MR. DADABHAI NAOROJI.

Departure Postponed.

A SLIGHT RELAPSE.

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 25.

Mr. Dadabhai Naoroji has suffered a slight relapse and will not sail to-day.

MOROCCAN SITUATION.

The French Fortifying Round Casablanca.

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 25.

The French are fortifying round Casablanca against the event of a force under the Chief Muley Pagshid joining the rebels against General Drude. The rains have begun rendering the camp a swamp.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

Opposition to Modus Vivendi.

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 23.

An Order in Council has been gazetted at St. Johns, Newfoundland under the authority of the Imperial Act of 1819, legally sanctioning the American *modus vivendi*.

Sir R. Bond's organ says that the Colonial Cabinet has refused to participate in the publication of the Order and urges the Cabinet to repudiate the Council's outrageous action and to appeal to self-governing Colonies to vindicate the Colony's rights.

Sir R. Bond, in an interview, said that he was determined to uphold the sovereignty of the Colony's laws.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 25.

Colonel Donne is dead.

THE PUNJAB POLICE.

A Year's Good Work.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, SEPTEMBER 24

In reviewing the Report on the Administration of the Police in the Punjab in 1906 the Lieutenant-Governor writes that he has much pleasure in acknowledging the good work performed by the Officers brought to notice.

He recognizes that the reorganization of the Department has thrown a considerable burden on the Officers of the Force and has entailed much responsibility and attention to detail of a warisome kind.

With regard to the healthy *morale* of the Force, as a whole, no better testimony can be forthcoming than the way in which they have performed their duties under the trying conditions attending the recent agitation and unrest in the province, and His Honour is glad to take this opportunity of recording his cordial appreciation of the services rendered by all ranks of the Force under circumstances of exceptional stress and strain.

BENGAL EXCISE ADMINISTRATION.

Co-operation of Temperance Associations.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, SEPTEMBER 25.

The Government of Bengal has given notice to the Temperance Associations in Calcutta that several questions regarding Excise Administration of the City have been referred to a Committee for deliberation and advice.

This is in accordance with the recommendation of the Government of India that Local Committees should be appointed to consider such questions as the number and location of shops licensed to sell liquor.

HOOGHLY CONFERENCE.

With Closed Doors.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, SEPTEMBER 24.

On Sunday the Hooghly Conference began its first sitting under the Presidency of Tarapprosanno Mukherjee. A Subjects Committee was formed, and the visitors Victoria Hall with closed doors, while national songs and music with Swadeshi [illegible] advanced the rest of the Assembly.

SIR G. ARBUTHNOT'S TRIAL.

Judge's Charge to the Jury.

VERDICT AND SENTENCE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, SEPTEMBER 25.

On the Court re-assembling yesterday after lunch, His Lordship resumed his charge to the Jury, discussed on Mr. Ross's evidence and the latter's vacillations, passed on to Mr Peebles' evidence, and as regards the availability of the five lakhs as live-credit said :—This undoubtedly is of great importance. Mr. Powell had suggested that the account Mr. Peebles had given in cross-examination was not consistent with what he said in the examination-in-chief. The circumstances under which Mr. Peebles made the entry undoubtedly showed *primâ facie* that it was the intention of Sir George Arbuthnot that this particular item of 5 lakhs should be treated as live-credit. One did not want to find fault with a man who made an isolated entry by carelessness or ignorance of the clerk. But this was not an isolated entry. They had several entries. There was the evidence of the balance sheet and the entry of the pass book all made from the point of view that the 5 lakhs was live-credit. Mr. Peebles gave his explanation of that. It was for the Jury to consider very carefully how far they could accept his explanation. Mr. Peebles was an old and loyal servant of the accused. He was called as a witness by the defence. It might be that his memory was at fault. It might be he had persuaded himself into the belief that Sir George Arbuthnot had given him those instructions. It was for the Jury to say whether they could accept his evidence.

With regard to this point, there were two observations which his Lordship could not help making. With reference to that, one was that it was curious that in a matter of such vital importance not one word of it should have been mentioned in the examination-in-chief. One should have thought that Mr. Peebles would have instructed Counsel for the defence on the point, because it was a matter of great importance, yet they heard nothing about it until Mr. Peebles came to be cross-examined. Another observation which his Lordship made was that when a man made a mistake under mistaken instructions and vowed that he was right, it was rather unusual that the man taking instructions did what was wrong. It was curious to misunderstand instructions and at the same time do what the person who misunderstood the instructions considered to be wrong.

His Lordship then proceeded to discuss the evidence of Mr. Meugens. He did not for a single moment suggest that Mr. Meugens had not given his evidence with perfect honesty. Human nature being what it was, his evidence was necessarily coloured by the fact that he was retained by the defence. Subject to that observation, his Lordship had not the least doubt that Mr. Meugens had shown great ability in the witness-box, propounded several very elaborate and very ingenious theories, the value of which it was, of course, for the Jury to consider. His Lordship then read important portions of Mr. Meugens' evidence with regard to this question of live-credit, and also referred to what Sir George Arbuthnot had said on this point in the Insolvency Court.

There should be no doubt about one point, and that stood out really above this sea of figures in which they had been weltering for the last month. One fact rose above this maze of hypothesis propounded by the accounts and that was that when Sir George Arbuthnot returned from England in 1905 he dealt with these accounts in a certain way. It was after his return that there was the bringing back of the entry from the special account in which Mr. Peebles had placed it and placing it in the current account. The balance sheet was prepared under the point of view of Sir George Arbuthnot's instructions. He would ask the Jury to consider that, of all the men, the one individual who must be presumed to know anything about it was Mr. Peebles. He was thoroughly familiar with the accounts, and he said that he misunderstood Sir George Arbuthnot's instructions. He took the responsibility on his own shoulders and said that the treating of the accounts in the way in which they were treated after Sir George Arbuthnot returned from England, which *primâ facie* indicated that in the view of Sir George Arbuthnot that credit was live-credit, was due to a mistake.

In considering the evidence on one side or the other the Jury should clearly bear in mind the observation which his Lordship said he had made as to the curious nature of the mistake. It was impossible to consider this evidence without observing that there had been a lamentable amount of what he could not but describe as a jugglery of the figures manipulated by the accountant. There were a series of erasures which one did not find as an ordinary occurrence in the books of a well-established firm. They had entries which indicated constant adjustments, re-adjustments of liabilities and obligations as between the accused in one capacity and himself in another capacity. His Lordship did not see there was anything inherently wrong in the manipulating of accounts in that way. A man might do it for his own amusement or try to persuade himself he was better off than he was. There was nothing criminal in doing so. But the importance of the matter was this—If the propriety and honesty of the transactions to which that jugglery of figures related was at any time called in question, then necessarily a heavy cloud of suspicion arose and the onus lay upon the man—and lay heavily when dealing with accounts in that way, to show that the transactions were not in any way improper or dishonest.

His Lordship then proceeded to deal with the proceeds of the debentures and the credit obtained from Messrs. Arbuthnot, Latham and Co. on the strength of those debentures. First, dealing with the evidence in connection with the issue of debentures, Sir George Arbuthnot was acting in two capacities, namely, in his capacity as a banker and in his capacity as the agent of the Company. Subsequent to the issue of the debentures he became the banker to the Company, director of the Company and debenture-holder from the Company. His Lordship then dealt with the evidence which related to the period of correspondence prior to the issue of the debentures. There was a discussion with reference to this question as to whether it was necessary or not to issue the debentures. There was some misapprehension in treating the case from the point of view of necessity. It seemed to his Lordship that the true point of view to consider was whether the issue of the debentures was business-like and honest, that was to say, whether the debentures were issued in the interests of the Industrials. The real question turned on the question of the benefit derived by the issue of debentures, and the general desirability of issuing the debentures in the circumstances of the Company. But the question for the consideration of the Jury was whether the debentures were issued in good faith and whether they issued it for the benefit of the Industrials. In coming to a conclusion on that point, it was of the greatest importance to ascertain whether it was necessary, as showing that it was not necessary was not absolutely conclusive.

His Lordship then dealt with the state of affairs of the Company just before the issue of the debentures. The point urged by the prosecution was that the circumstances of the Industrials were not such as to make the issue of the debentures either necessary or business-like.

His Lordship then referred to the Company's extensions, especially Marikanave, and said that there was a good deal of evidence on both sides. The defence contended that it was a legitimate investment and that if opportunities had been afforded they would become valuable properties. It was established by evidence that it was desirable to have a considerable sum of money available for the purchase of jute. There was a deal of evidence and a good deal of discussion with reference to balance sheets, and the defence laid stress on the fact that they "shrieked for financial assistance." Mr. Ross's view was that the balance sheet did not indicate that it was necessary, in order to keep the Company going, to borrow money on debentures. The evidence on the one hand that the balance sheet indicated need for money was not conclusive as to the desirability of issuing debentures. On the other hand his Lordship observed that if the Company was so hard up for cash it could not go on and must, therefore, cease working, unless they raised money on debentures. It seemed strange that they should pay dividends on shares. If they could get on at all without raising debentures they should not distribute dividends. Though the balance sheet showed some need for financial assistance, the question to be considered was whether the issue of debentures was a honest issue. It might be that the Company required some assistance, but did not require financial assistance to the extent of 10 lakhs. The Jury should at the same time bear in mind they had extended the extensions to something over nine lakhs.

As regards the trial balance sheet prepared by Mr. Ross, his Lordship did not think it necessary to say anything. If the question was as to the question of bare necessity, it might be necessary to consider that evidence, but it seemed to him that the question was not so much of necessity as of general good faith and honesty. It was for the Jury to say, having regard to the state of things disclosed by the evidence, whether they considered it proper to borrow on debentures.

Then, as regards the general question as to the desirability or *bonâ-fides* of the issue of debentures, there was a good deal of general evidence. Mr. Ross said that it would be legitimate to issue Debentures to release capital locked up in business and provide the funds required for future working. He said that looking to the balance sheet alone, the issue of ten lakhs debentures was improper. Mr. Drysdale also said that there was no need for the issue of 10 lakhs debentures. He said, further, that it was not proved there was any necessity for their issue. The evidence of Mr. Meugens on the point was that the issue of debentures was proper in view of the extensions contemplated. The case for the defence was that the issue of the debentures was with the only motive to benefit the Industrials. The question for the consideration of the Jury was whether the sole intention of issuing debentures was to benefit the Industrials or whether there was also the intention to benefit Arbuthnot and Co. and assist the Company at a time of financial crisis. The question also arose as to why debentures were not issued direct to Messrs. Arbuthnot Latham and Co, because then drawing on Arbuthnot, Latham and Co. would be regulated by the financial needs of the Industrials. That was the sort of arrangement which one would have expected if the sole object was to benefit the Industrials. Mr. Meugens seemed to think that was impracticable. Mr. Norton, as Counsel, certainly argued that it was impracticable. It seemed a little impossible to see the impracticability of such a procedure. If Arbuthnot, Latham and Co., on the strength of family connections, were willing to trust Arbuthnot and Co., they would be equally willing to trust the Industrials Co., in which Arbuthnot's interests were involved. The question for the consideration of the Jury was, if Arbuthnot, Latham and Co., trusted Arbuthnot, and Co., why should they not trust the Industrials. If debentures had been issued direct to Arbuthnot, Latham and Co., there would be no room for the suggestion that any advantage was taken by drawing on the credit of Arbuthnot, Latham and Co. There would have been no room for the suggestion that any advantage was used otherwise than for the benefit of the Industrials and everything would have appeared in the Industrials account. Because that procedure was not adopted, they have now to go through a maze of figures to ascertain whether a certain sum of money was allocated to the Industrials, or whether that was used to afford financial assistance to Arbuthnot and Company.

Then passing on to the very important part of the case, namely, the question of the way in which these debentures were dealt with by the accused, his Lordship observed that it was of course said that payment was made for the debentures, and that the payment was by giving the debentures credit for face value. It was said on behalf of the defence that Sir George Arbuthnot having bought the debentures, would like to deal with them as he chose. There must be an entry in the books to show that he paid something for the debentures. It was no doubt perfectly true that a man could do what he liked if he bought and paid for them, but that was not the present charge against the accused. The present charge was that accused abused his position as director of the Industrials. They had the difficulty of dealing with one man acting in two capacities. The prosecution case was that in his capacity as trustee of the Company, or in law in his capacity as agent, entrusted with the management of a concern, he abused his position and took advantage of his opportunity in order to give himself the advantage. Still, having regard to the fact that they could not split up the two capacities if he abused his position as director, the prosecution case was that the accused had committed the offence of criminal breach of trust.

Then going to the question as to the use which Arbuthnot and Co. made of the debentures, his Lordship could not see how the Company could issue debentures to its own director. There was the evidence of Mr. Charles Arbuthnot showing the point of view from which Arbuthnot, Latham and Co. approached the transaction. They wanted a thoroughly good security for any advance they made, and, although there were family connections, they did not seem to have acted as philanthropists, but were guided in their action as good men of business.

In those circumstances it was difficult to see how they would have raised any objections to take debentures directly. Their only consideration would have been that the securities were good.

His Lordship proceeded to deal with the evidence relating to credit and extended credit which Arbuthnot and Co. had with Arbuthnot, Latham and Co. His Lordship had not concluded the charge to the Jury when the Court rose for the day.

LATER.

In the Arbuthnot case to-day the Chief Justice continued charging the Jury for over two hours, and discussed the general financial position and the time of the issue of the debentures.

The three questions in the second count to be decided are :—

Did accused by the issue of the debentures benefit Arbuthnot and Co. ?

Did he dishonestly benefit Arbuthnot and Co. ?

Did he benefit Arbuthnot and Co., when as a person in the position of the accused mortgaged the property of which he was quasi-trustee, it behoved him to show he had dealt honestly with such proceeds ?

His Lordship next dealt briefly with the third count, transactions between Arbuthnot and Co. and the Bank of Madras, the Industrials and the Mysore Sugar Co. Two questions, his Lordship said, to be considered here are :—

Did Sir George know that the Mysore Sugar Company was insolvent when he lent them 2 lakhs of the Industrials' money ?

Did he utilise these two lakhs to relieve his own indebtedness with the Industrials ?

THE JURY'S VERDICT.

The Jury had to decide, his Lordship said, whether the security was good, or whether Sir George knew that the Sugar Company was insolvent.

The Jury retired to consider their verdict shortly after one. After less than an hour's deliberation they unanimously brought in a verdict of not guilty on the first count, as directed by his Lordship, guilty on the second count and not guilty on the third count.

CONVICTION AND SENTENCE.

His Lordship said that he considered the verdict on the second count right.

Mr. Norton at once made a powerful appeal for mercy on the score of the position in which the accused had lived and the imprisonment already undergone, and prayed that whatever term his Lordship might think fit to impose it might not be rigorous.

His Lordship regretted he could not accede to this request, and passed a sentence of 18 months' rigorous imprisonment. His Lordship acceded that the prisoner might be remanded into custody at Mr. Norton's request till the latter could confer with him regarding any further action he might wish to take.

APPLICATION FOR APPEAL TO FULL BENCH.

Re the Arbuthnot case Mr. Norton said that he had a submission to make to his Lordship under Section 434 of the Code of Criminal Procedure and Section 25 of the Letters Patent, and asked that the 19 points of law which he enumerated should be reserved for decision by a Full Bench of the High Court. His Lordship directed that a copy of these points should be furnished to the Clerk of the Crown and the Crown Prosecutor and fixed Friday next for the hearing of arguments as to whether the points should be reserved for a Full Bench or not.

A well-to-do citizen who has more claim to be considered a wit than a sportsman was out with a friend for some grouse killing. Forgetting the caution of his friend and the keeper to carry his gun muzzle downwards in a deep slant from under the arm, he became somewhat excited at seeing a covey of birds rise within a few yards of where he was unconcernedly walking. Unconsciously he touched the trigger, and the contents of the gun were shot through a hedge, on the other side of which was an old farmer. Most of the pellets passed through the farmer's hat, while the farmer himself lost little time in passing through the hedge to find the delinquent. "Did you fire at me, sir?" he demanded, on seeing our sportsmen. "No, no. I assure you, quite the contrary," the latter replied urbanely; "I really never hit what I fire at."

NORTHERN ARMY STAFF HEADQUARTERS.

Transfer from Naini Tal to Murree.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LUCKNOW, SEPTEMBER 25.

The *Indian Daily Telegraph* says :—

The fact that the Northern Army Staff Headquarters will be removed to Murree from Naini Tal, at the beginning next summer, has been known sometime in the Military Circles of Upper India. The proposed change is one of the few measures consequent on the abolition of the old Commands and the re-constitution of the Forces in India into the Northern and Southern Armies.

"The Northern Army, under the Command of Sir Alfred Gaselee, is stationed in various centres from Peshawar to Assam. And although from a geographical standpoint, Naini Tal is admittedly more central for the purposes of inspection and trally situated, as there are more troops in the northern than the southern portion of the Command, due to the policy of massing large bodies of men in garrison towns in the frontier.

"Murree possesses very fine offices which belonged formerly to the old Northern Command which will now be utilised and they are a great improvement on those in Naini Tal.

"Misconception prevails as to the effect of the transfer from Naini Tal, it being supposed that a number of houses will be in the market. This is not so. The principal change occurred in June last when the old Eastern Command Staff, which consisted of a great many more Offices than those composing the Headquarters Staff, was broken up. The actual members of the Headquarter Staff are General Gaselee, General Poett, the Deputy Adjutant-General, the Assistant Military Secretary, the Aide-de Camp, the Brigadier-General and the Inspector-General of Artillery in the Northern Army.

The effect of the new Army Scheme has been to make the Army Headquarters Staffs smaller while increasing the divisional Staffs.

Naini Tal will suffer considerably by the departure of General and Lady Gaselee who were very popular, but it will continue to be the Headquarters of General Locke-Elliott commanding the 8th Lucknow Division.

"It is suggested that the vacated Headquarter premises in Naini Tal should be utilised as quarters for soldiers' wives."

NAWAB OF SACHIN.

Visit to Broach.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

BROACH, SEPTEMBER 24.

His Highness the Nawab of Sachin, accompanied by Nawabzada Ahmedkhan, Nawabzada Nasarullakhan, Sahebzada Abdul Karimkhan, Mr. Balaji Rao, Private Secretary, Mr. Haribhai, Personal Clerk and a retinue of men came to Broach to perform a religious ceremony.

As the guest of the Hon'ble Syed Zain el Edroos the Nawab, was received by the Hon'ble Syed Zain Saheb Sahebzada Syed Jaffer, Nawab of Broach, Kazi Saheb, Mr. Vyas, Deputy Collector, District Deputy Collector, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Mr. Nanjiani and Peer Saheb and other leading Mahomedan, Hindu and Parsi gentlemen on the platform. The Sachin garrison and the Broach Police presented arms. His Highness, escorted by the Broach Police Sowars, amidst the cheering of the populace, left for his residence at Sheth Dhanjishaw Hormashawji Vakharia's bungalow with the Hon'ble Syed Zain Saheb and Nobles of the State.

SHATTRIYA MEETING AT BENARES.

Deputation to Lieut.-Governor.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, SEPTEMBER 25.

An important meeting of the Shattriyas of these provinces was held at Benares on the 22nd instant to affirm the loyalty of their community to the British Government and their hearty desire to second Government in measures for increasing the influence of the upper classes and the management of public affairs.

Subsequently it was resolved that a deputation, of which the Maharaja of Benares will be President and Nawab Pahasu Raja Manda and Kunjoar Bharat Singh, Vice-Presidents should wait upon the Lieutenant-Governor in November to acquaint His Honour with the sentiments of their class.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Probable Transfers, Postings and Changes.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, SEPTEMBER 26.

Mr. R. A. Gamble has accepted the Commissionship of Northern Indian Salt Revenue.

Consequent on this and other retirements from the enrolled lists of the Finance Department, the following changes will probably take place :—

Mr. Gauntlett, Officiating Accountant General, Rangoon, becomes permanent in that grade, and when Mr. Dobbie retires in November Mr. H. J. Brereton will become permanent Accountant-General.

There will also be certain transfers and postings among Accountant-General this autumn.

Mr. Brereton on return from leave will have over the Rangoon Office from Mr. Gauntlett who is taking furlough.

Mr. Michael, Accountant-General, Bombay, on Mr. Harrison's return from short leave goes back to Lahore while Mr. Brightocke, Acting Accountant-General there, is likely to succeed Mr. Dobbie in November as Accountant-General of Madras.

When Mr. Branson returns to Calcutta from Home leave, Mr. Adie, Officiating Accountant-General will probably remain Deputy Accountant-General.

DARJEELING MAIL TRAIN OUTRAGE.

Accused Pleader Sanyal Refused Bail.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, SEPTEMBER 25.

Dorgass Sanyal, a Bengali, charged with the recent outrage on two European Railway officials on the Darjeeling mail train is to be tried at Dinajpur.

Application for bail, made to the Magistrate yesterday, was refused on the ground of the seriousness of the charges.

Both the *Amrita Bazar Patrika* and the *Bengalee* state that Sanyal he is a Pleader in Dinajpur but recently enrolled.

BELGIAN PROVINCIAL AT CALCUTTA.

Reception by the Jesuit Fathers.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, SEPTEMBER 25.

The Provincial of the Jesuits in Belgium who is making a tour of the provinces under his jurisdiction arrived in Calcutta on Monday.

Jesuits in the Archdiocese of Calcutta and in places subject to its jurisdiction are recruited from Belgium. The Ecclesiastical Seminary at Kandy for training candidates for the priesthood is also under the Provincial of Belgium.

His Reverence was received at the Howrah Station by the Catholic Archbishop, the Father Superior of the Mission and other clergy, and escorted to the Archbishop's Palace in Park Street.

All the Jesuit Fathers were invited to meet the Provincial at dinner last evening.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

BOMBAY BRIGADE ORDERS.

MEDICAL.

Under instruction from the Principal Medical Officer, His Majesty's Forces in India, Lieut.-Colonel M. T. Yate, R.A.M.C., at present at Colaba, is directed to proceed to Poona for duty in the Station Hospital.

A Medical Board will assemble at the Station Hospitals, Colaba, at 9-30 a.m., on Friday, the 27th instant, to report upon the state of health of Lieutenant Steele, I.M.S., Acting Bombardier Joyce, 18th Battery, R.F.A., and such other cases as may be brought before it.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, SEPTEMBER 25.

CANTONMENT MAGISTRATES DEPARTMENT.

The following promotions are about to be made in consequence of the retirement of Lieutenant-Colonel W. F. C. C. Plowden.

Major E. Miller, 2nd Grade, Cantt. Magistrate, provisionally, to be 2nd Grade Cantt. Magistrate, substantively.

Lt.-Col. R. E. S. Taylor, officiating 2nd Grade Cantt Magistrate to be 2nd Grade Cantt Magistrate, provisionally.

Major C. W. Field, 3rd Grade Cantt Magistrate, to officiate as 2nd Grade Cantt Magistrate *vice* Lt.-Col. J. A. Wyllie on leave.

In place of Lt-Col. R. E. S. Taylor, promoted, Major R. R. Vaughan, 3rd Grade Cantt Magistrate to officiate as 2nd Grade Cantt Magistrate *vice* Major E. Waller on leave.

In place of Major C. W. Field, Capt C. J. Cumberley, Cantt Magistrate, provisionally, to be Cantt Magistrate, substantively.

Major W. S. Eardley Howard, Asstt Cantt Magistrate to be Cantt Magistrate, provisionally.

Major R. W. Burton, Asstt Cantt Magistrate, provisionally, to be Asstt Cantt Magistrate substantively.

Captn. V. De V. Hurt, 125th Napier Rifles, officiating Asstt Cantt Magistrate to be Asstt Cantt Magistrate provisionally.

INDIAN STAFF COLLEGE EXAMINATION.

It is notified that the Syllabus of the examination for admission to the Indian Staff College to be held in December will be as laid down in the Indian Army Order No 75 of 1906, with the exception of some modifications as regards Mititary history and strategy.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE ANNUITIES.

The annuity attached to the Medal for Meritorious Service held by pensioned Quarter Master Sergeant C. Lauder, late of the Colaba Depot, and pensioned 1st Class Sergeant Instructor H. Taylor, late of the Nilgiri Volunteer Rifles, has been increased from L 10 and L 5 to L 15 and L 10 respectively, with effect from the 28th of April 1906.

Quarter Master Sergeant J. A. Aldridge, Garrison Quarter Master Sergeant, Fort St George, has been awarded the medal with an annuity of £5, with effect from the same date.

ARMY TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION BARS.

It has been decided that when the refreshment bar of the Royal Army Temperance Association room is let to a contractor, the contractor will be required, in addition to providing lighting, servants and crockery free of charge, to pay into the Funds of the Branch, as a minimum, one rupee a month for each member of the Association on the rolls of the branch on the last day of each month.

Branches whose refreshment rooms are run by contractors will pay 15 per cent. of the monthly amount realised from contractors into the Refreshment Department Fund of the Crops.

Revised instructions as to the wearing of decorations and medals in the several orders of dress have received His Majesty's approval and will shortly be published in India.

It has been ruled that Volunteer Reservists may be granted by their Commanding Officers two years' exemption from the performance of the Annual Musketry Course and Drills after annually qualifying as efficients for the first-three years after enrolment in the Reserve, or after qualifying as efficients in the Active List for three consecutive years immediately prior to transfer to the Reserve.

ARCHÆOLOGICAL SURVEY REPORT.

Record of Interesting Discoveries.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, SEPTEMBER 25,

The Report of the Archæological Survey, Northern Circle, for the year ending the 31st March last is published. It records the discovery of more copper-plate inscriptions in Chamba and Jammu and describes the excavations at Kasia and Gorakhpur which have yielded Inscriptions dating back to the fifth century A. D., also a gold coin of a similarly ancient epoch. Dr. Vogel thinks that in the Ramabhar Stupa at Kasia he has discovered the site of one of the stupas erected over the famous eight portions of Buddha's relics and he recommends excavations during the coming cold weather to the centre of the base of the stupa, apparently hitherto undisturbed, to discover them.

The Report also describes the measures proposed for the restoration of the ancient Sakti Devi shrine in the Chamba State which has stood since the beginning of the eight Century but which was damaged by the earthquake of April 1904.

THE "NITHSDALE"

Attempts at Salvage.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

KARACHI, SEPTEMBER 25.

Captain Fairley and a Lloyds Surveyor have succeeded in getting alongside the wreck of the "Nithsdale." The vessel itself is an utter loss. It is a question whether the Lloyds will auction the ship and cargo as she lies or will blow up the hull for the purpose of releasing and salving the cargo which consists entirely of railway sleepers, valued at Rs, 20,00,000.

VICEROY'S NEXT COUNCIL MEETING.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, SEPTEMBER 25

The programme of the Viceroy's Legislative Council meeting on 27th to-day published included only the presentation by Mr. Baker of the Select Committee's report upon the Local Authorities Loan Bill and the introduction by Sir Harvey Adamson of a Bill to further amend the law relating to Private Trusts and Trustees.

MAHARAJ KUMAR OF COOCH BEHAR.

Goes to America to Study Agriculture.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, SEPTEMBER 25.

The Maharaj Kumar Victor of Cooch Behar will shortly leave for America to study agriculture. He will be accompanied by his Tutor Mr. J. B. De Mozamdar.

MR. KEIR HARDIE'S TOUR IN BENGAL.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, SEPTEMBER 25.

Mr. Keir Hardie left for Serajgunj by the Chandpur mail this morning. On Friday he will proceed by way of Jugannathgunj to Mymensingh and the next day he will be in Dacca. He is due in Barisal on Sunday evening. Here his tour of East Bengal will end and he will return to Calcutta on Wednesday morning.

THE annual conference of Divisional Commissioner of the Bengal Province will begin at Darjeeling on 30th instant. The deliberations will last up to October 12th.

NOTES ON INDIAN INTERESTS.

THOUGHTS BY A NATIVE THINKER.

THE ANGLO-RUSSIAN AGREEMENT—AN INDIAN VIEW.

I AM not competent to give any opinion on the Anglo-Russian agreement, nor do I feel called upon to do so. My object in referring to the compact is only to state in what light it is held in native circles. It is considered opinions for the integrity and independence of a feeble Asiatic kingdom, when there is a concert of the European powers interested in its disposal. The safety of Turkey lies in the conflicting interests of European States. Unfortunately for Persia, whatever differences there existed between England and Russia before have been settled ; the sphere of influence in the Shah's dominions of the respective powers has been defined, and each party will now be at liberty to overrun and exploit the country within its own jurisdiction. It has further been agreed what measures should be taken by them, in the event of the Persian banks, to which foreign money has been advanced, not fulfilling their obligations. It is this advance of money, made to foolish and improvident Asiatic rulers, which paves the way for their downfall and ruin. It opens up a fruitful source of trouble, leading to war and usurpation. If the ruler is not dethroned and made a State prisoner, he is at least reduced to the position of a miserable puppet in the hands of his masters. A memorandum has been presented by the two European Powers to the Persian Parliament with the object of allaying popular suspicion. But the fact remains that there has been a partition of Persia, Russia being at liberty to play its own game in the North, while England is to have a free hand in the South. It was none of the business of the Shah or his Parliament to be consulted in an affair vitally affecting the interest, and possibly the very existence, of the monarchy ! Suspicion and alarm are natural under the circumstances, and time may prove them to be too well-founded. We have heard of an awakening in Persia, as there has been in China and other Eastern lands. The people have been infected with a longing for popular government, and Parliamentary institutions have been recently introduced. There is no question of the disorder and misrule which has reduced Persia to an effete condition, rendering it an easy prey to any strong Power which may cast a covetous eye on it. But it would be cruel, not to say unjust, not to allow the new institutions, consequent upon the popular awakening, a fair trial. It may not be hopeless to expect that the new order, which has replaced the old, may put an end to chaos and corruption and usher in an era of progress and enlightenment. If the efforts of the leaders of popular government were crippled or paralyzed by foreign interference and obstruction, a fair chance will not have been given to them for the regeneration of the country, and the new-born zeal for the revival of the nation will have been ruthlessly destroyed. Viewed in this light, the Liberal Press of England condemns the Agreement, and the opinion of these newspapers will coincide with the general sentiment of the natives of India.

SILLY VAPOURINGS.

"Those who used foreign goods were traitors to their country, and must be treated as such, "said Baboo Bannerji in a public speech in Calcutta. The same patriot, when he came to Bombay some months back, went straight to a European hotel where *bideshi* food was served to him, and where he must have consumed the much maligned foreign sugar in his tea and coffee, and pastry and puddings. To an ordinary mind, his conduct on this occasion does not seem to be consistent with his precepts. But this may be a solitary lapse on his part, and I am not disposed on that account to doubt the sincerity of the perfervid orator. He exhorted his audience not to desert the Swadeshi movement for fear of being imprisoned, deported or hanged. We have now been quite used to such Falstaffian brag and bombast. People may follow Swadeshism to the top of their bent, and Government will have nothing to say to it. But when organized efforts are made to coerce, intimidate and ill treat those who are not of their way of thinking ; when they would deny to others individual liberty of action, posing themselves, the while, as the apostles of freedom and tolerance, then Government must step in to prevent the intolerable despotism. Does not the conduct of these patriots give the country a foretaste of the

concessions to noisy agitation, while patient, quiescent, loyalty went unrewarded. Another Musalman ex-Judge, Mr. Amir Ali, being a more skilful writer than the Honourable Mian Mahmud-Shah Din, would have expressed the same idea, as indeed, he has done in his public writings, with greater felicity and delicacy. I do not think the Government themselves will be ready to own that they have thrown a sop to Cerberus, that is, they have ever made concessions of doubtful value with the sole object of appeasing agitators,—concessions which they, otherwise, would never have made. I do not think the Government have been guilty of such a humiliating exhibition of weakness, as is attributed to them so unkindly by the writer. If they had embarked on such a policy, they would have found, to their dismay, that the appetite of Cerberus has grown by what it has fed on, and that so far from being satisfied with stray morsels, he is now raging to devour the entire administration! The Mahomedans are answering to the needs of the times by formulating their desires, and giving them articulate utterance by means of organized bodies. But they must recognize that it was their backwardness, and no lack of articulation on their part, or of sympathy on that of the rulers, that has kept them behind the Hindoos with regard to public honours and emoluments. There is ample room for all their Leagues and Conferences and Confederacies. But they will be well advised in confining their attention to their own legitimate business, and abstaining from being defiant and provocative. Nor is it pleasant always to be told that they are the most loyal and law-abiding people on earth, that they are the best friends of the British and the main support of their rule, and that they hold in execration the wild spirits of the Congress. The value of these professions, sincere as they are, is discounted no more by the interested motive underlying them, than by the wearisome repetition with which they are made. The Athenian peasant was so sick of hearing Aristides being always styled the just, that he voted for his ostracism from sheer revulsion of feeling. The Mahomedans having their own interests to safeguard must surely have their own associations. Their interests are differentiated from those of the Hindoos, because they are much behind their neighbours in education and enlightenment; and their policy is divorced from that of the Extremists because they do not want to become noisy agitators; and certainly do not want to be disloyal and seditious. Loyalty and sobriety will be their watchwords, and I suppose they will keep to these virtues because they are agreeable to their temperament and traditions, and because they may find that their observance is likewise paying.

DION.

SECUNDERABAD NOTES.

Public Meeting at Secunderabad.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SECUNDERABAD, SEPTEMBER 23.

A largely attended meeting of influential citizens took place last evening at 6 p. m., in the People's Hall, Secunderabad. The object for which the meeting was convened was to devise plans for the extension of the Secunderabad Civil Hospital. The proposed extensions are a Ward of 16 beds for Europeans and Parsis, a Maternity Ward for Native Ladies, a Children's Ward of 8 beds, and Quarters for 12 Nurses. A plot of land adjoining the Hospital had been secured whereon to erect the new buildings.

The Chair was occupied by Major E. St. A. Wake, Cantonment Magistrate, who was supported on the platform by Captain Minchin, First Assistant Resident, Lieutenant-Colonel Thompson, Civil Surgeon of Secunderabad, Mr. Shapurji Chenoy, Mr. Mustial Ramannah Govindu; and amongst those present were Rai Bahadur Sett Ramgopal (whose influence in philanthropic causes is always valuable) Rai Bahadur Sajanlal, Rai Saheb Varadaraj Moodeliar, Captain Hudson, Captain Scrafton, Mr. H. Fisher (Bank of Bengal) and many members of the Local Bar.

The Chairman, in opening the proceedings, said that when Colonel Thompson first took over charge of the Hospital seven years ago it contained only two Wards with only one Nurse. Within the last ten years the number of patients (both in and out) treated at the Civil Hospital had increased from 19,527 to 44,878, so that it became imperatively necessary that more accommodation should be provided to keep space with the increase. The number of maternity cases treated amounted to about 4,000. A Maternity Ward, where high caste Hindu ladies could be treated and have their prejudices carefully attended to, was urgently needed, as was also a Fever Ward and a Children's Ward. It was, he said, proposed to remove the Lunatics and the Dispensary from their present quarters to another spot, and that meant the closing up of a road-way. Again, it was absolutely essential that quarters should be built for the Nursing Staff: at the present time the Nurses were compelled to live all over the bazaars, and they often got wet when going home from their duties, which rendered them liable to contract disease; therefore it would be better for the Hospital and themselves to have quarters on the spot. So loyal were the Nursing Staff to the cause they worked for that they had promised, although poorly paid, to subscribe amongst themselves for the provision of all the linen for the new Babies' Ward proposed. The principal object of Hospitals was to provide Medical Aid to the sick, and especially the sick poor, where they could obtain skilful treatment, proper nourishment suitable to their ailments, and good medicine. There were many poor people in Secunderabad who could not afford to call in the Doctor when sickness broke out in the family, hence it was the duty of those who were well-to-do to do something for their poorer fellow-creatures. He thought he could manage to collect about rupees five thousand. In this respect, he informed the meeting that two gentlemen came to him recently and with both hands gave him a deal more than he expected. (Applause). He had great pleasure in announcing that Mr. Shapurji Chenoy had undertaken to build, at his own expense, the Fever Ward for Male and Female Europeans and Parsis; while Mr. Mustial Ramannah Govindu had generously consented to build a Maternity Ward for High Class Hindus. (Applause).

Mr. Musthial Bhoomannah, who spoke in Telugu, translated the speech of the Chairman, and was received with applause.

Captain Minchin, representing the Hon'ble the Resident, spoke in Urdu, and said that Mr. Bayley desired to associate himself with the object of the meeting: the needs of the Civil Hospital always had his sympathy, and he had noted with extreme gratification the good work done and the progress made by Colonel Thompson. He desired to subscribe Rs. 200 to the Fund. Captain Minchin also added a personal subscription of Rs. 100.

Mr. B. Krishnamachariar, B. A., B. L., next spoke in Urdu, and dwelt at length on the work of Colonel Thompson at the Civil Hospital. The speaker, with much earnestness, pressed the needs of the Hospital on his hearers, and reminded them that it was the bounden duty of those who were possessed of means to liberally support the Institution. Colonel Thompson had thrown his heart and soul into the task of improving the Hospital committed to his official care, and since that was the case, how much more devolved on the people of Secunderabad, who had been born and would die in Secunderabad, also their children and children's children after they had passed away. He hoped that really more money would be forthcoming than would be wanted for so worthy an object.

Mr. Rod Cameron followed and, in the course of a short speech, said that it gave him great pleasure to add to the testimony already given of the good work being carried on in the Secunderabad Civil Hospital. As to its excellence he was in a position to speak from experience, having occupied this year one of the special wards set apart for Europeans. The nurses, he said, were most attentive in the discharge of their duties, both to paying patients and to the poorest. The Chairman, in his opening remarks, had omitted to mention that two very comfortably furnished wards had been recently added to the Institution through Colonel Thompson's energy and forethought. Whereas a few years ago sick Europeans requiring hospital treatment had perforce to travel to Madras or Bombay, now they had two comfortably furnished private wards to go to, where they would receive skilled medical treatment and experienced nursing.

The Chairman then said he had a duty to perform, and that was to express the thanks of the meeting to those who had so freely given of their substance towards extending the Civil Hospital. (Applause).

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OUR SERIAL STORY.

SCARLET TOWN,

BY

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CHAPTER VIII.

Ruth sat watching the two dark figures upon the terrace as they passed up and down, always keeping within the shadow, until her senses seemed blurred and hazy. There was a presage of evil upon her, a weight that she could not throw off, and even the prayer that she had uttered had been of no effect in easing her mind.

Why were they so long together? If there were bad news for Roger why did he not come to her at once, to her who could best comfort him? What did it matter if he had lost every penny he had in the world if he would but come to her?

"I'm going to help him make money, as he will certainly never marry you without it." Ruth remembered these words of Vanna's now, and their import struck home. Could it be true? Ruth in her heart had thought so little of the money, and yet Roger had made a point of it. Vanna had only repeated in substance what Roger himself had said.

"He did love her once," Ruth groaned in spirit, "for he admitted it to me. And now she is trying to win him back. She would not marry him then, but she does not want him to marry anyone else. Oh, I have eyes to see and ears to hear!"

It was jealousy—a very human and natural jealousy—that racked the girl. The insinuations of Mortimer Alwyn, accidentally overheard, the eagerness with which Roger seemed to seek Vanna's society, the behaviour of Vanna herself—the condescending kindness that seemed to veil a sneer—all these had played their part. Ruth had not been conscious of this jealousy before, but the knowledge of it was aroused in her when the slanting red light fell upon Vanna's face, transforming for the moment the delicate white features into the semblance of a Medusa.

"All alone, Miss Lovatt?" Ruth started at the sound of a man's voice close beside her. She had seen Mortimer Alwyn, together with his friend Stanley, pass through the window of the drawing-room some quarter of an hour earlier; she had noticed how they had stepped out on the terrace, till, just in front of them, they had caught sight of the figures of Roger and Vanna, then they had turned quickly away, and Ruth had not noticed which way they had gone. But she had caught the sound of Alwyn's half-satirical laugh, and this had given a new turn to the screw that was compressing her heart.

It was Mortimer Alwyn who now stood by her side. Occupied as she was she had not heard his footsteps upon the soft turf—otherwise she would have sought to make good her escape, for she had no liking for the sharp-tongued journalist who seemed to think he had a right to interfere in other people's affairs; also she had her suspicions that the man admired her and was jealous of his host.

"Yes," she replied, trying hard to steady her voice. "Sir Roger was with me, till a few minutes ago." She felt that he was smiling at the evident exaggeration. "He had some business to talk over with Mrs. Neal. It was so pleasant here under the cedar, so cool after the glare on the Downs this afternoon that I could not bring myself to move. But I think I'll go in now," she added nervously, "my step-mother will wonder what has become of me."

"Lady Althea is quite happy playing bridge," replied the man, nonchalantly. Then he gave a short laugh. "Or perhaps I should not say 'happy'," he went on, "for her partner is little Major Tracy, who knows as much about bridge as he knows about manœuvres. He declared spades in his own hand just now when she held four aces—you should have seen my lady's face! No, I wouldn't go to Lady Althea just yet if I were you, Miss Lovatt. And as for your father, he's already gone up to the billiard room. You won't be wanted at once"—he glanced significantly in the direction of Roger, who, with his companion, was now leaning over the balustrade of the terrace—"so you may as well have pity upon me and let me sit with you for a few minutes."

He sank—without waiting for invitation—into the chair which Roger had vacated. "I never get a chance of talking to you now," he remarked. "You seem to have given me the cold shoulder ever since we have been at Beverley Lodge."

"Oh, I had no intention of doing that," returned Ruth, nervously conscious that it might be true she had failed somewhat in her social duties. She did not like Mortimer Alwyn, but there was no reason why she should be rude to him. She plunged desperately into the first subject of conversation that occurred to her, and for a little while she talked of indifferent things as though they were matters of the greatest interest. But she felt all the while that Mortimer Alwyn was not deceived by her manner, that he was laughing in his sleeve at her conversational efforts.

Apparently he admitted the fact. "I say, Miss Lovatt," he observed, "isn't it rather idiotic of us to play at pretty manners—like a couple who have met for the first time at a dance and talk common-places, though they are cordially bored with each other? We are not acquaintances of to-day or yesterday, so let us be frank with each other. I know what is in your mind—your face is very easy to read, you know. Perhaps you can guess what is in mine. Alwyn's face was not so easy to read; he prided himself upon this, and upon the feeling that always came to those with whom he talked, a feeling that they were being laughted at. He did not want Ruth to have this impression now, so he modified his tone accordingly.

"I don't know," faltered the girl. "What do you mean?"

"You are worrying about Sir Roger," returned Alwyn, with an effort at frank intonation, "and I am awfully sorry that you should, I am indeed." He knocked the ash from his cigar; the lighted end glowed like an evil eye.

Ruth drew herself up, her cheeks burning.

"Mr. Alwyn ——" she began.

He interrupted her. "Don't be angry with me. I want to be sincere with you, Miss Lovatt, I do indeed. Roger Enderby is a friend of mine—and you—there was a time when I hoped you might be more than a friend. But, of course, that is all over now, and we won't allude to it. He spoke very quickly, anxious to gain his point. If Ruth had taken offence at once and left him, the whole project that he had formed would have come to nought.

For it was true that he was jealous of Roger Enderby. Long ago he had settled in his mind that Ruth Lovatt, beautiful, refined and wealthy—above all, wealthy—was a most fitting bride for himself. He came of a good family, far superior to hers, and in time he would inherit a very comfortable fortune, but in the meantime funds were low, and journalism, though intensely amusing from his point of view, was not a paying profession. He could make substantial settlements and he had trusted to these as well as to his family connections to impress Colonel Lovatt favourably, but the advent of Roger Enderby upon the scene in the guise of a lover had upset all his plans.

Probably he would have laughed and turned his attentions elsewhere, for he was not a man of any depth of feeling; but it happened that he considered he had an account to settle with Roger Enderby and—as he would himself have put it—"the only bills worth paying are those on which a man gets a bit of his own back."

As he had anticipated, Ruth was disarmed by the statement of his silent affection for her, and so he hurried to press his advantage. He was far too clever to abuse Sir Roger, a course that would have been fatal to him at once; instead, he posed as the faithful friend who was anxious to straighten out a crooked path. This was by far the best way to arrive at the desired result, and he took credit to himself for the way he acted his part. Certainly, he could not have chosen a better moment, for Ruth, tortured with new-come jealousy, lent ear to insinuations that at any other time she would scornfully have rejected.

"Don't worry about me, Miss Lovatt," Alwyn said smoothly, "for I don't suppose I should have had the smallest chance with you even if Roger had not appeared upon the scene. I only mentioned the fact just to prove to you that I want to be your friend." He spoke very plausibly, and, against her better judgment, Ruth was constrained to believe him.

"You are very kind," she faltered, "but really if I was worrying about Roger I have no serious right to do so. We are not engaged, though people seem to imagine that we are."

Alwyn nodded his head seriously. "Yes, do you know that there have been bets on the subject?" Then, as she flinched: "Of course, everyone is anxious that you should win him from the widow," he added quickly, "for Roger is the best of fellows, while she—well, the least said about her the better. She's worked him a little harm already, Miss Lovatt, and I'm afraid she'll not be content till she has brought him to ruin."

"To ruin!" gasped Ruth. "What do you mean?"

"She has been gambling with his money," returned the man steadily, "speculating wildly and foolishly—simply throwing it away. I'm speaking of what I know."

"But I, too, know that she has been speculating for him," rejoined Ruth, drawing a breath of relief. "He told me so weeks ago. He believes in her ability to quadruple his capital."

Mortimer Alwyn gave vent to a low whistle. It was partly with surprise that Ruth should know anything about the peculiar Stock Exchange transactions of which he had accidentally learnt, and on which he had at once put a false interpretation, and partly to gain time for the consideration of fresh tactics. His one desire was to increase the jealousy that he knew to be already raging in the girl's breast and so to shock her innocent mind that she must consider it her duty to refuse Sir Roger when he actully proposed. Alwyn had imagined that there was already a secret engagement, and his task was lightened for him by the knowledge that this did not exist.

She's had the spending of a great deal more of Roger's money than you can possibly know of, Miss Lovato," he had resumed. Afterall, he told himself, he had not gone far on the wrong track, and what he had already said paved the way for what was to come. "She is a dangerous woman and an adventuress. No one knows whence she sprang"—it had always galled him that he did not know and could not find out—"but she has certain shady connections on the stock Exhange, connections which no women in the position to which she pretends should maintain. This I know for a fact." He stroked back a lock of his glossy black hair with a thin aristocratic hand; he was proud of his hands and rather given to the display of them.

He paused impressively. It was true that he had ferreted out something of Vanna's city relations and so here he felt on surer ground.

"Do you think," asked Ruth timidly, "that Mrs. Neal has had anything to do with—" she hesitated, hardly knowing how to express herself—"with Roger not being as well off now as he used to?"

"I imagine he's spent pretty heavy sums on her," replied Alwyn. "It was time to strike the blow I don't say she wanted the money; though heaven alone knows where she gets her fortune from. I daresay she doesn't want it now except through her mania for gambling. But this I do know, Miss Lovatt, she doesn't want to lose Roger Enderby, and she would do anything—she would even ruin him—to keep him from marrying you. No, she won't give him up."

"Give him up!" Ruth turned puzzled eyes upon the young man. "Do you mean that she wants to marry him now, and after refusing him once?"

Mortimer Alwyn laughed. "I don't say any thig about marriage," he said bluntly, "either now or in the past. I fancy that the fascinating widow prefers to remain a widow. All the same she considers that she has a right to Roger's affections, and the trouble of it is that Roger does not seem able to free himself. He can't quite put off the old love before taking on with the new. You understand me?"

Ruth understood at last. She had grown deathly pale, and her limbs relaxed as though she were about to faint. She wanted to cry out, to bid the man cease talking, though it seemed as if Alwyn's words came from very far away, whispered through the branches of the great tree upon a breeze that had come from the far end of the earth.

"Now you know why I spoke to you, Miss Lovatt." To all appearance Alwyn had not noticed the effect of his words. "Roger is such a good fellow that we all want to see him out of the clutches of the widow. Win him from her and keep her out of his life in future. She has had more than enough of him as it is. It was in the worst taste for her to have come to this house; did you hear what a fuss the duchess made about it? We don't believe in Platouics nowadays—but still there are bounds. If you and Roger had been regularly engaged, it would have been worse—unpardonable—but even as it is——"

"Stop, Mr. Alwyn, stop!" Ruth sat bolt upright in her chair. Her faintness had suddenly passed from her and the hot blood surged back to her brain. There were drops of sweat upon her brow, which was burning now, though it had felt cold as death but a few moments earlier.

"Miss Lovatt, I——"

"Please say no more. And do you mind leaving me? I want to be alone."

Now that the blow was struck Alwyn was, acting surprised humility. He rose from his chair.

"Have I offended you? Oh, I hope not. It was in your interest that I spoke. Surely you knew? It has been common talk for—for years. Ask the duchess—ask any man or woman of the world—"

Ruth waved her hand feebly. "Please, please go," was all that she could say.

He went, and his heart beat none the faster for the knowledge that he had set himself the task of wrecking the lives of a man and a woman. He was quick at gauging character and he knew that if Ruth believed all that he had insinuated, she would never forgive Roger—certainly she would never be his wife. And why should she not believe it? Let her go to others as he had suggested—scandal would repeat the tale. Of course, Roger himself would deny it, but such a denial counted for little; any man might lie under the circumstances. Anyway, the seed had been planted, and it remained to be seen if it would take root.

Mortimer Alwyn, his thin lips parted in a smile, gained the terrace. Roger and Vanna had long since disappeared, probably into the house. The journalist glanced in the direction where he had last seen them standing, and he clenched his fist and muttered between his teeth.

"A little cad he called me that night, and the next day he threatened to thrash me within an ace of my life if I published a word about Sabina Ford and her doings on the embankment. Do you think I forget and forgive as easy as you, friend Roger? Not I—and I think I shall be level with you soon."

He passed into the house, and the men in the billiard room found him particularly good company that evening. But Roger Endeavry, seeking for Ruth to tell her of the utter break down of his hopes failed to find her either in the garden, where he he had left her or in the drawingroom among the other ladies.

(To be continued.)

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DEPARTURE OF R. I. M. S. "NORTHBROOK."

The Royal Indian Marine steamer "Northbrook," Commander G. A. Rose, R. I. M., sailed yesterday for Rangoon, with the 77th Co. R.G.A., and details consisting of 7 officers, 3 ladies, 2 children, 1 warrant officer, 2 women, 3 children, 96 non-commissioned officers and men, 3 women, 3 children, and 21 followers:—

The following are the names of the officers:—Major Bickford, R. G. A., Captain and Mrs. Bashe and child, Lieut. and Mrs. Yates, Lieut. Smithers, Major Clark Lieut. Blanford, Lieut. Wells, I. A., and Mrs. Nesbitt, R. G. A., Mrs Vines and 3 children.

INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS.

Probable President.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, SEPTEMBER 25.

The Madras Mahajana Sabha has resolved to request the Hon. Dr. Rash Behari Ghose, C. I. E. to preside at the ensuing Indian National Congress at Nagpur. The Hon. Nawab Syed Mahomed is named as an alternative candidate.

SPORTING NEWS.

POONA RACES.

Sixth Day.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT).

POONA, SEPTEMBER 25.

There was quite the usual crowd on the course this afternoon when the Poona Sixth Meeting was run under pleasant weather conditions. The day was rather warm, but towards the evening it was very cool and enjoyable. A card of seven events was on the board and the handicapper had well adjusted the weights that most of the public failed to spot winners and it was another day in favour of the ring. The afternoon opened with the Bhambarda Plate hurdle race for ponies. Although the field of only five were started, yet the issue was open enough to allow of free laying on three of them with Bullseye rather in greater demand. Cracker made the running to the half mile where 6 to 1 chance Lucretia who had'nt a fair start took the command and Bond for a second time this season led in the mare an easy winner, The Idar Plate, a Welter handicap hurdle race, which was provided through the generosity of the princely sportsman the Maharaja Major-General Sir Pertabsingh of Idar, was the next item discussed. This race found six starters and April Fool and Umutbee captured everybody's fancy with also a real call for Lonehand who was the only horse with a professional on. The race was a tussle between Lonehand and Umutbee and L. C. Hoyt had it practically his own way from start to finish and Umutbee could finish only a second three quarters of a length off. In the horse race only seven out thirteen in the card donned silk and the race was a splendid win for the favourite Cinder Bill and so at last Messrs. Galstaun's and Robinson's luck opened out. Killorn ran a good race on Royalist from the very start but had to give in to the favourite at the finish and had to be content with a place. Nine ponies faced the starter in the All Pony Plate and Matalgia and Verballa carried a great pot; but the winner turned up in an outsider Chippy Norton whom Trenoweth steered to the winning post in rare good style. A large field of eleven horses entered for the Paddock Plate and R. R. S's. Metal Maid both on herrprevious form and on account of her stable was at once installed favourite and Williams justified public confidence in him by annexing a race with his usual judgment of pace. Rustile made a good running and old Presbyterian came up with a rare run at the finish, but third and second honors were all they could secure.

Turning to Arab events with Bey Middleton scratched, the public fancy was divided between Scimitar and Grey Falcon both at threes, and Zuriff and Mudlool at fours each for the Lilliput Handicap. There was also some money for Young Gazelle and Sir Jamal. Mudlool cut out work from the start, but Young Gazelle overhauled him at the bend and Killorn had only to ride home to win. This young Jockey who hails from Australia and is only a few months in India has already put in good record and looks to have before him a brilliant career here in the East. In the mile race for the Sons of the Desert Multiform and False Start and Hermit were heavily backed but the winner was not to come out of these four. Multiform as usual kicked about at the post and so lost his chances in the start. Then Hermit Whirlwind and Falsestart led by turns to the bend where Kamad riding a determined race, Antica came through and won comfortably by a length and three quarters to spare. Falsestart Esd and Hermit secured places, rather a poor consolation to their unfortunate supporters. It was undoubtedly a great day's racing from a sportsman's point of view. But to punters it is another day to the bad. With disaster on disaster one must admire the perseverance of backers and let us hope they will be rewarded with a lucky day on next Saturday for which occasion a good card has been mapped out. The following are the details:—

THE BHAMBARDA PLATE.

Colonel Deasy's br. Lucretia 10st.....Bond 1
Mr Miles' Daphne 9st 12lbs.....P Morrison 2
Messrs Goculdas and Nanjee's Bullseye 10st 9lbs A Hoyt 3
Mr Ritchie's Cracker 9st 12lbs.....Northmore 4

Also ran.—Perquisite 10st 2lbs.

Betting.—2 to 1 against Bullseye, threes Daphne and Cracker, fives Perquisite, sixes Lucretia.

The Race.—Cracker Daphne, Perquisite and Bullseye jumped the first hurdle together level, with Lucretia lying three lengths off. Then Perquisite led Bullseye and Cracker to the ten furlongs where Cracker took the lead and was joined after a furlong by Lucretia. At the mile these two were level and for six furlongs the order was Cracker, Bullseye, Daphne, Lucretia with Perquisite a long way off back. At the three furlongs Lucretia again came alongside of the leader and soon she held the lead and passed the bend in front followed by Cracker, Daphne and Bullseye. Lucretia cleared the last fence first and up the straight Daphne and Bullseye deprived Cracker of place. Lucretia won easily by six lengths. One and half lengths between second and third. Time,—3 min. 27 3/5 secs.

(Winner trained by E C Ramshaw.)

THE IDAR PLATE.

Mr Donaldson's Lonehand 9st 10lbs.....L C Hoyt 1
Mr Cosens' Umutbee 10st 11lbs.....Mr Tomkinson 2
Mr Roberts' Refuge Bay 10st 6lbs.....Mr Annesley 3
Colonel Forbes Shotover 9st 6lbs.....Capt Winter 4

Also ran.—Nell Gwynne 9st 12lbs, April Fool 9st 9lbs.

Betting.—2 to 1 against April Fool, 5 to 2 Umutbee, fours Lonehand, sixes Nell Gwynne, eights Shotover and Refuge Bay.

The Race.—The field got off well with Lonehand leading from Umutbee and Nell Gwynne while April Fool was slightly left. At the ten furlongs Nell Gwynne came into second place and at the seven furlongs the order was Lonehand, Umutbee and April Fool with the rest close up and at the half mile they bunched up with Lonehand and Umutbee slightly in front. At the home turn Lonehand was still in the lead, followed by Nell Gwynne, Refuge Bay, Shotover and Umutbee and they cleared the last hurdle in the same order. Up the straight Umutbee and Refuge Bay came up with a rush but could not catch Lonehand who won comfortably by three quarters of a length; neck between second and third. Time,—3 mins 27 4/5 secs.

(Winner trained by Ali Mahomed).

LILLIPUT HANDICAP.

Mr Kelso's Young Gazelle 8st 3lb.....J Killorn 1
Messrs Goculdas and Galstaun's Sir Jamal...7st 12lbs A Hoyt 2
Mr. Readymoney's Mudlool 7st 7lbs.....F Manley 3
Aga S Shah's Gray Falcon 8st 6lbs.....Kamad 4

Also ran.—Mint 9st 2lbs, Scimitar 8st 10lbs, Zurrif 8st 2lbs, Yatim 7st 4lbs carried 7st 5lbs, Musket 6st 7lbs carried 6st 10lbs.

Betting.—3 to 1 against Scimitar and Grey Falcon, fours Mudlool and Zurriff, sixes Young Gazelle and Sir Jamal, eens Yatim, twenties Mint and Musket.

The Race.—Mudlool cut out work at the start from Yatim and Young Gazelle to the bend where Young Gazelle on the outside drew to the front with Grey Falcon and Sir Jamal handy. Up the straight Young Gazelle took the lead and staying out the challenge from Sir Jamal won with three quarters of a length. Half a length separated Sir Jamal and Mudlool; a good fourth. Time.—1 min 23secs.

(Winner trained by Byramji Rustomji.)

STAND PLATE.

Mr Galstaun's Cinder Bill 8st 8lbs.....Robinson 1
Mr Kelso's Royalist 7st 4lbs.....J Killorn 2
Kour Saheb of Patiala's Mallinyook 7st 12lbs Southal 3
Messrs Goculdas and Dartmoor's Sacristan 9st 13lbs A Hoyt 4

Also ran:—Squire Alfred 9st 3lbs, Mount Dane 7st carried 7st 2lbs, Flotsam 6st carried 6st 9lbs.

Betting.—Evens Cinder Bill, 4 to 1 against Mallinyook sixes Sacristan II and Flotsam and tens the others

The Race.—From a good start Royalist led Flosam Mallinoook and Cinder Bill to the seven furlongs where Mallinyook took second place. At the three furlongs they bunched up with Royalist still in the lead. At the bend Cinder Bill and Mallinyook came up close to Royalist and up the straight Robinson riding a determined race Cinder Bill won by two and a half lengths a neck between second and third. Time—1min 44 secs.

(Winner trained by T Ferguson.)

DESERT HANDICAP.

Mr. Tootsies Tojeel's Attica 7st 4lbs.....Kamad 1
Mr. Goculdas and Nanjee's False Start 7st 6lbs A Hoyt 2
Mr. Ali bin Talib's Red 8st 7lbs.....Heeroo 3
Mr. Kelso's Hermit 9st 13lbs.....J Killorn 4

Also ran.—Taobrust 9st 11lbs Commander 8st 13lbs, King Cobweb 8st 11lbs, Multiform 8st 10lbs, Court Martial 7st 10lbs, Kour Saheb 7st 8lbs, Whirlwind 7st 5lbs.

Betting.—Pair 1 against Multiform, 7 to 2 Red, fours Hermit and False Start, sixes Whirlwind, tens and twenties the others.

The Race.—Multiform and Whirlwind gave some trouble at the gate and when the field was sent off the former was left by about three lengths. Hermit was in front for a while, then Whirlwind led Hermit and False Start to the half mile where they closed up. At the three furlongs False Start took the leadership with Antica, Hermit and Red to the straight where Antica came through and going forward won by one and three quarter lengths, with one and a half lengths between second and third. Time—1min 55 2-5secs

(Winner trained by T. Tingey.)

ALL PONY PLATE.

Mr Avasia's Chippy Norton 8st.....J Trenoweth 1
Mr Galstaun's Matalgia 8st 8lbs.....Robinson 2
G K S' Virballa 6st 12lbs.....Melsom 3
Mr Artenessayie's Koka 7st 11lbs.....Heeroo 4

Also ran.—Come Back 9st 3lbs, Gun Metal 9st Mandeville 7st 12lbs Encourage 7st 7lbs, Welsh Love 7st.

Betting.—6 to 4 against Matalgia, twos Virballa, fives Comeback sevens Koko, eights Gunmetal, tens the others.

The Race.—Welsh Love was quickest out of the gate, but resigned the lead shortly to Koko who followed by Welsh Love made a running to the half mile where Virballa came alongside of the leader and the same order continued to the straight where Chippy Norton and Metalgia came up with a tremendous run and overhauling the leaders the former won by a length; half a length between second and third; a good fourth: Time—1min. 4 4/5 secs.

(Winner trained by W. E. Thomas.)

THE PADDOCK PLATE.

R R S' Metal Maid 9st 12lbs.....F Williams 1
Mr Avasia's Presbyterian 8st 7lbs.....Trenoweth 2
Thakore Sripal Singh's Rustile 8st 8lbs.....Firth 3
Messrs. Goculdas and Nimmo's Zotique 8st 3lbs A Hoyt 4

Also ran.—Vocalist 8st 9lbs, Dunsinane 7st 12lbs, Windy 7st 9lbs, Adelaide 7st 8lbs, Fadedlily 7st 7lbs, Conscience 7 to 4 Harpist 6st 12lbs carried 7st 2lbs.

Betting:—Twos against Metal Maid, fours Dunsinane, fives Zotique, sixes Adelaide and Vocalist; eights Rustile and Presbyterian; longer odds the others.

The Race.—From a good start Faded Lily led the field for a while, then Rustile took the lead from Faded Lily, Vocalist and Adelaide to the bend where Metal Maid with Presbyterian came up. Up the straight Metal Maid took the lead and reached home a comfortable. Winner by three quarters of a length, a neck between second and third. Time.—2 min. 24 secs.

(Winner trained by Byramji Rustomji.)

Seventh Day.

HORSES STRUCK OUT.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, 28.

The Poona races seventh day, the following horses are struck out for Sturday's meeting:—

Deccan:—Plate Reinforcement, Rustler, Craig, Goodwin and Shotover.

September Plate:—Twistum, Mozart, Manlook, Projecture, Primerole Lady Metal, Zotique, Ianthe Prince Lyon, Diakkawayand Amyas.

Stewards Purse.—Lord Boyne, Jacqueline, Primerole. Apology, Prince Lyon, Dilphoe Shotovor.

Turf Club Cup:—Money Spinner, Remembrance, Berlin, Adonis, Young Cardigan, Sherlock, Panala II, Ajak, Hadee, Nooman, Hampstead, Arab Lord, Sworsman Ashroff.

Kirkee Plate:—Madrid, Maharaja, Osborne, William Rufus, Rippon, Makrag, Saloanic, Ariff, Shanwar, Company, Lucky Prince, Dumra, Meerjan, Dilerjung, Patna, Lender.

Ghorpuri Plate:—Angler, William Rufus, Perejrine, Rose, Engine, Lucky Shot, Dilerjung, Scipio.

QUETTA AUTUMN RACES.

Fourth Day.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

QUETTA, SEPTEMBER 24.

The races to-day were well attended by Quetta society. The Politicals were "At Home" with their well known hospitability. The band of the York and Lancasters played a very pretty programme under the baton of Mr. Graham Band Master. The Residency party again graced the occasion. The second enclosure was very poorly attended. Congratulations were offered to Captain Ready on his winning the Banyard cup with his horse Elexia, Captain Molloy up, and the Race wone in fine style.

Details:—

DULAI HANDICAP.

English and Colonials.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second, Rs. 50 to the third. Distance—Five furlongs.

Capt Day's Spot One, 10st 3lbs.....Owner 1
Capt Toogood's Careless, 12st.....Holland 2
Capt Toogood's Maranta, 11st.....Capt Hopwood 3

Also ran.—Cumrew, A B C, Lagoon, Jenny Lind and Cherry Ripe.

The Race.—Won by two and half a lengths with two lengths between the second and third. Time—1 minute 9 seconds.

KANAK HANDICAP.

For Arab Ponies.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second and Rs. 50 to the third. Distance.—Four furlongs.

Capts Toogood and O'Kelly's Mick, 10st 12lbs Capt Hopwood 1
Lieut-Col O'Donnell and Capt Toogood's Libersl, 10st 11lb.....Capt Day 2
Mr Cooper's Little Red Rat, 11st 7lbs.....Owner 3

Also ran—Khan Bahadur.

The Race.—Won by four lengths, with two and a half lengths between the second and third. Time—56 2/5 seconds.

BANYARD CUP.

Rs. 100, Rs. 100 and Rs. 50. Distance.—Nine furlongs.

Capt Ready's Alexis, 9st 7lbs.....Capt Molloy 1
Capt Toogood's Broome, 10st 7lbs.....Capt Hoopwood 2
Mr Elgee's Grey Wolf, 8st 7lbs.....Stinton 3

Also ran—Muscan, Plebeian and Paladin.

The Race.—Won by two lengths, with four lengths between the second and third. Time—2 minutes 26 4/5 seconds.

SEPTEMBER HANDICAP.

Rs. 200, Rs. 100 and Rs. 50. Distance—Three furlongs.

Major Lane and Capt Cooke's May Fly, 7st 11lbs Husain Khan 1
Mr Hale's Ahana, 7st 7lbs.....Stinton 2
Capt Molloy's Southern Pearl, 10st 2lbs.....Owner 3

Also ran—Dazzle and Vesta.

The Race.—Won by two lengths, with two and a half lengths between the second and third. Time—42 1/5 seconds.

STEWARDS' PURSE.

Rs. 200, Rs. 100 and Rs. 50. Distance—Four furlongs.

Capt Collier's Carmela, 10st.....Mr Elgee 1
Capts Winter and Murrow's Sweet Nellie, 11st 7lbs Capt Hopwood 2
Mr Wilson's Gypsy, 8st 7lbs.....Capt Thurnall 3

The Race.—Won by two and a half lengths, with five lengths between the second and third. Time—55 3/5 seconds.

MUSTANG HANDICAP.

For Arab Ponies.—Rs. 200, Rs. 100 and Rs. 50. Distance.—Two and a half furlongs.

Capts Toogood and O'Kelly's Mick, 10st 7lbs Capt Hopwood 1
Mr Wilson's Pale Face, 10st 7lbs.....Mr Wilson 2
Major Frydell's Kildare, 10st 11lb.....Owner 3

Also ran—Rainbow.

The Race.—Won by two lengths, with one and a half lengths between the second and third. Time—35 seconds.

TANGI HANDICAP.

Rs. 200, Rs. 100 and Rs. 50. For Polo Ponies other than Arabs.

Mr Elgee's Silver II, 9st 6lbs.....Capt Hopwood 1
Capt Hislop's Jenny Lind, 9st 11b.....Stinton 2
Capt Molloy's Ariadne, 11st.....Owner 3

Also ran—Spot One, A B C, Cumrew, Margaret and Khargosh.

The Race.—Won by a head, with a length between the second and third. Time—58 3/5 seconds.

PRIVATE SWEEPSTAKES.

Rs. 100 to first and Rs. 50 to second. Distance—Three furlongs.

Capt Hislop's Dazzle, 12st.....Owner 1 Dead.
Capt Molloy's Southern Pearl, 10st 2lbs Owner 1 beat.
Sir H McMahon's Vesta, 9st 12lbs.....Capt Hopwood 3

The Race.—This race was practically a match got up for the horses left at the post in the September Handicap. Won by one and a half lengths.

NAINI TAL POLO TOURNAMENT.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, SEPTEMBER 24.

In the second round in the Naini Tal Polo Tournament played yesterday the 4th Cavalry beat the Rifle Brigade Subalterns by ten goals to love.

The Civil Service "A" team beat the Police by five goals to three.

The Durham Light Infantry beat the 14th Lancers by five goals.

The 17th Lancers beat the Oxford Light Infantry by five goals to two.

BANGALORE CENTRAL ASSAULT-AT-ARMS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

BANGALORE, SEPTEMBER 24.

The Bangalore Central Assault-at-Arms commenced yesterday and will continue throughout the week, the programme providing interesting displays on the last three afternoons of the week. The entries are very good especially in the Officers' events and the attendance in the enclosures so far, has been excellent.

The following are the results up to 11 o'clock this morning:—

SWORD VS. LANCE.—Mounted.

S. S. M. Carnegie of the 14th Hussars and Sergeant Goddars, 14th Hussars.

For the final on

BY THE WAY.

A ROYAL ROAD TO FAME.

Mr. R. W. Gilder, who is the editor of the "Century Magazine" and also a poet of some fame, a few weeks ago received an honorary degree from Columbia University. On the same day he received another compliment in the shape of the following letter from the M——Music Company of New York:—"Dear Sir,—I have been informed that you have achieved some success in a literary line, and as I am in search of poems that can be set to music I take the liberty of addressing you. I wish you would kindly co-operate with me at once, for by so doing I feel confident that both of us will be materially benefited. In the first place, I would like to have the opportunity of examining some of your work. If I find that it comes up to my standard I shall be more than pleased to make you an offer upon it immediately; but in case I cannot use it I shall return it to you at once, if postage is enclosed for that purpose. I do not require that your work be typewritten or put in any special form, and I make no charge whatsoever for examination or criticism. As you are no doubt familiar, there is a great deal of money in song-writing; yet many excellent songs have been written that have never been published simply because the author lacks confidence in his own work. It is my business to discover these true poems, 'no matter from whom they come,' and to turn the author's talent into money for both the poet and myself. Do not feel that because you have some simple little ditty at home you need be ashamed to present it to me—its very simplicity may be its charm. Therefore I ask that you send in your manuscript without further delay, for right now is the time of the year that the big music publishers of this city are looking for next season's successes.—Respectfully yours, "E——M——."

HUSTLING "IN EXCELSIS."

The parade of "hustling" methods has surely reached its climax in the case of a prominent business man of Memphis, Tennessee, who has had built for him a big automobile equipped with a desk and a typewriter, so that he can transact some of his business while on the road. Yet the Southern States are not a region where time is usually considered to be specially valuable. The Springfield "Republican," which has been much exercised by recent appalling accidents, is unkind enough to suggest that a more useful equipment for an up-to-date automobile would be a coffin and a doctor.

IRISH CATHOLICS AND THEIR PRIESTS.

Mr. George Bernard Shaw's statement that "the Irish Catholics hate their priests with an intensity of which Englishmen have no idea" is the test of a warm defence of the Irish priest and his relations with his flock by Mrs. Katharina Tynan in the new "Fortnightly." Speaking generally, Mrs. Tynan does not admit there is anything in Mr. Shaw's statement. But, she concedes in an interesting passage, "he is a rebel House soul, the Celt, and occasionally in his sayings he will round on his good friend the priest. 'A priest's marriage is never lucky' is one of his sayings, the 'priest's marriage' being, of course, a marriage in which a priest has interfered. 'I never had any luck,' says another, 'since I bought a priest's cow in the fair.' I don't know why these reflections, unless it is considered that a priest is outside his province in matters of business or courtship. It is, by the way, outside the matter under discussion but worth recording, that a black Orangeman in the North will send for a priest to bless his cow if it ails or his fields if they are unfruitful. Whether he scents witchcraft in the blessing, or suspects the removal of a curse, or whether, being Irish, he merely does the most unexpected thing in the world, I will not take it upon myself to say."

AN OLD SUPERSTITION.

The fact that the villagers of Great Wyrley have noticed that most of the outrages have been committed about the time of the full moon shows that there is still life in the old superstition, "When the moon's in the full, then wit's in the wane," as an Elizabethan dramatist puts it. The belief that the moon causes and aggravates insanity is very old and widespread. Not only was the moon supposed to strike people with madness, but the malady was believed to ebb and flow with the waxing and waning of the moon. Another sixteenth century writer, the Earl of Northampton, gives us an ingenious scientific explanation of this influence of the moon:—"The moon is found by plain experience to bear her greatest stroke upon the seas, likewise in all things that are moist, and by consequence in the brains of man." The very words "lunatic" and "maniac" testify to it, for both etymologically mean moonstruck. The influence of the moon on the body as well as the mind was considered generaly baleful. It is still very widely believed that to sleep with one's eyes exposed to the light of the moon is to court blindness. On the other hand, a child born at the time of the full moon was believed to be the strongest and healthiest.

SYMPATHETIC MAGIC.

Behind the belief that a child born under the full moon will be strong and healthy lies a primitive idea which constantly appears in our practical superstitions—the idea of sympathetic magic. The savage medicine-man pours water on the ground from a tree top, and expects the sky to follow suit with rain; conversely, if the moon is growing other things are likely to grow better than when their growth would run counter to the moon's decrease. So, all the world over it is or has been an invariable rule to sow while the moon is waxing then the seed will start well. Again, since the moon is at its best when full that is the best time for any single great event such as a birth. This idea is of course inconsistent with the former, since the child's first days will see the moon on the wane, but the primitive mind rarely troubles about inconsistency. The idea of co-operating with the growth of the moon is the more common: if you want your money to increase you expose it to the new moon (or merely turn it over in your pocket), and so establish a sort of connection between the two. Then as the moon increases your money will increase. A slightly different form of the same idea makes the husbandman in many countries seek to cut his crops while the moon is on the wane; it is always best to act in correspondence with the ways of nature. Crops cut at such a time are still regarded as superior in the Highlands of Scotland, and in France bills announcing sales of timber sometimes mention even now that it was cut during the wane.

GHOSTLY COAL STEALERS.

The report that coal is to go up five shillings a ton before the winter reminds a correspondent of a story he was told some years ago by one of the oldest inhabitants of Upholland near Wigan. One winter early in the nineteenth century coal was unusually dear and poor folk hard put to it to keep themselves and their children from freezing to death. This tragic winter brought a new terror to the village. It was whispered that a ghostly funeral procession could be seen almost any night passing through the churchyard. At Upholland there is a public path which bisect the churchyard and it was along this path that the funeral passed. Many people coming home late at night saw it and their descriptions tallied—a white coffin with bearers and mourners all clothed from head to foot in white. At last some bold spirits agreed to watch and on the very first night they were rewarded by seeing the ghostly procession slowly walking through the churchyard. Instead of running away at this proof of the genuineness of the apparition the watchers approached in a body. Thereupon the ghostly processionists dropped the coffin and took to their heels. The coffin was found to be full of coal and further inquiries discovered that wholesale stealing of coal had been carried on for some time by a gang of men. Coal not being an easy thing to steal on a large scale they had hit on this method of safe transport.

FORGOTTEN HISTORY.

The visit of the President of Liberia recalls a chapter of political history which has almost been forgotten. The condition of the black man in America has never been good and in 1822 people who sympathised with the freed negro and thought him capable of higher development founded for his benefit the republic of Liberia in Western Africa. The country was under American tutelage at first, but in 1847 it was declared independent and the following year Great Britain, which had done it some service, recognised it as a sovereign State. Fourteen more years passed before the United States followed this example, but since 1871 there has been no question of Liberia's status. In 1861 it came into the English money market for a loan of £100,000 at 7 per cent. and unfortunately it was unable to meet the interest claims as they fell due. Eight or nine years ago, however, the bondholders were able to make a new arrangement by accepting a lower rate of interest and the coupons are now being duly met. It is not unlikely that the President has come to ascertain if a further loan can be obtained, but if so he may have to go away disappointed. The Stock Exchange has no admiration for small states The late Mr. Joseph Cowen, of Newcastle "the Tribune of the North," was a great friend of the Libelian Republic but political enthusiasts of this type are rare and the Stock Exchange is not the place to look for them.

VALUABLE DISCOVERY FOR THE HAIR.—If your hair is turning grey or white or falling off, use "The Wonderful Hair Renewer," for it "will positively restore in every case Grey or White hair" to its original colour without causing the disagreeable smell of most "Restorers." It makes the hair charmingly beautiful as well as promoting the growth of the hair on bald spots where the glands are not decayed. Ask your Chemist for "THE MEXICAN HAIR RENEWER," sold by Chemists and Perfumers everywhere. Wholesale depot 33 Southgate Road, London, England.

THE LADIES' CORNER.

WATER LILIES AND AUTUMN LEAVES.

"Violet passe," by which the milliner describes the new purple, is being largely used, combined with dull green and black. Trimmings consisting of piece velvet in this shade, deftly caught here and there with a single stitch, and forming large and somewhat shapeless choux, are poised on one side of the crown of the hat, a lining of silk in the same shade being in some cases a "sine qua non," whilst in others the dull violet of hat and trimming is set off by a soft brim-lining of peach-blossom pink casting a becoming glow over the face. Double dahlias are being allied to autumn foliage with excellent results, whilst another flower which is not suffering from the "ennui" with which the milliner is beginning to regard floral decorations is the half-closed water lily. In a hat of cinnamon-coloured velvet the crown was wreathed with a chaplet of velvet Ivy leaves in brown and lily-leaf green, whilst a single water lily of dazzling whiteness emerged from a sheltering cluster of its own widespreading foliage.

CLEANING AND RENOVATING.

The bright days of September are always particularly trying to that portion of the summer wardrobe which has up to the present successfully stood the wear and tear of the last two months, but which is beginning to show signs of the hand of time. Millinery, which is always the first victim of wind and weather, should receive its due share of attention, flowers, wings, and feathers being usually much improved if they receive a little periodical renovation, whilst the hat itself undergoes brushing and cleaning. To restore a single rose or spray of flowers, an excellent plan is that of holding it over a kettle of boiling water, shaking it repeatedly until each petal has been well steamed, and for the nonce hangs limp and lifeless. Each flower should then be laid on a cloth, and the leaves and petals first dabbed gently with an old handkerchief, and then pulled out flat, while pins are used to keep them stretched on the cloth until they are dry and can be replaced on the hat. The petals of large artificial "specimen" roses can also be successfully treated if they are sponged with pure alcohol, and then ironed severally with a toy iron, the requisite curl at the tips being given by means of an ordinary curling iron, while the raw edges are trimmed with a pair of sharp scissors.

SIMPLE WRINKLES.

White ribbon can always be successfully washed in soap and water. It should, however, afterwards be well rinsed in cold water, to which a few drops of methylated spirit have been added, a teaspoonful to a pint being the correct proportion. Before ironing, it is a good plan to roll the ribbon round a bottle until it is dry, and then, after crumpling it between the fingers until it is soft, it may be pressed on the wrong side with a moderately hot iron, a piece of paper or flannel being interposed between the latter and the cloth. For crinoline hats nothing is better for eliminating dust from the interstices of the plait than a piece of velvet—preferably of the same colour—while to regain the pure white of a sunburnt hat, a cut lemon, dipped in powdered sulphur and rubbed with the surface, will produce a wonderful improvement.

THE publication will begin in September of a new pocket edition of the prose works of Mr. Rudyard Kipling. The volumes will be the same size, and they will be printed on the same thin paper as the pocket edition of Mr. Hardy's works, which has been so well received, but they will be issued in leather binding only. The colour of the leather will be scarlet, and special cover designs have been prepared by Mr. A. A. Turbayne. It is proposed to issue the works fortnightly. Arrangements have been made to include eighteen volumes in the series, including that delightful collection of fairy stories, "Puck of Pook's Hill," which came out last autumn. The first six will be published in the following order:—"Plain Tales from the Hills," "Life's Handicap: being Stories of Mine Own People," "Many Inventions," "The Light that Failed," "Wee Willie Winkie, and Other Stories," and "Soldiers Three and Other Stories."

AN EX-POLICE COURT MISSIONARY.

Some of his Trials and Hardships.

Mr. Cuthbert Shepherd, of Kenmure, Lancaster Gardens, South-end-on-Sea, is an earnest evangelist, who until lately was engaged in the trying work of a police-court missionary for the Rochford Hundred of Essex. His arduous and exacting duties some time ago told upon his health, and he became a victim to constipation.

That he is now strong and well again is due entirely to Bile beans. "At times I hardly knew what to do with myself." Mr. Shepherd told a Southend journalist: "If I was not in acute pain I was very drowsy, and my work was extremely irksome. I had acute pains in the head, which prevented me from sleeping and when I did manage to lose consciousness my slumber was so heavy that when I awoke I felt weary and unrefreshed.

"Cycling and walking had been two of my favourite pursuits, but I was unable to take any interest in either. I had always been a hearty eater, but often I had a positive distaste for food, and after every meal there was a fresh attack of the pains in the head and the drowsy feeling that almost incapacitated me. I tried all sorts of remedies, but I could discover nothing to give me permanent relief until I was persuaded to try bile beans.

"Within a short time after commencing with Bile beans a feeling of renewed life came into me, such as I had not experienced for many years. The pains and drowsiness vanished, refreshing sleep took the place of restless nights, and I could eat and enjoy my food. I continued with Bile beans until I was quite free from those conditions that had before so severely handicapped me. I am now in perfect health. Being so well known through my public work as a police-court missionary and a lay evangelist, I feel that the great benefit I have derived from bile beans might lead to the same good being derived by others who are suffering, so I give the Bile Bean Co. full permission to use my testimonial for this end."

Be guided by Mr. Shepherd's experience; see that you get the genuine remedy. All chemists stock Bile Beans, at Re. 1/- per box, and Rs. 2/4 for family size containing three times the quantity.

FREE SAMPLE COUPON.

Cut out this coupon and forward it together with one anna stamp to the Bile-Beans Co.'s Head Indian Depot, 9, Dalhousie Square, Calcutta, to obtain a dainty free sample box of Bile-Beans.

Write address clearly.

"Bombay Gazette," 26th Sept., 1907.

BILE BEANS for BILIOUSNESS

MEN AND MATTERS.

THE NEW ROYAL ENGAGEMENT.

Great as was his belief in the power of money, how amazed old "Monte Carlo Blanc" would have been had he known that one of his granddaughters would become daughter-in-law to a King and niece by marriage of the Queen of England. Such, however, is the fact, for Princess Marie Buonaparte, though not even mentioned in the first part of the Almansch de Gotha, has just become engaged to Prince George of Greece. The late Emperor of the French and his direct heirs never recognised the grandmother of the present bride-elect as a relation, for she was of humble birth, and Prince Pierre Buonaparte's family chose to consider his marriage to her morganatic. This fact lends an added touch of romance to the alliance of the greatest French heiress to one of our Queen's nephews. The future Princess George of Greece has lived a quiet retired life in Paris with her father Prince Roland Buonapart most learned and industrious of Royal savants. Her mother, the late Marie Blanc, died when she was still an infant, and as her fortune which has been estimated at something like ten million pounds sterling has been accumulating at compound interest for over twenty years! The young Princess who is a striking looking girl with a good deal of character and a strong will of her own, may very probably be ultimate heiress to her uncle, genial Edmond Blanc of racing fame for that millionaire who is by the way honoured with the friendship of the King has no children. In one matter Princess Marie is typically Royal; she speaks English, Italian, and German as well as French.

WHERE QUEEN MAUD WELCOMED QUEEN ALEXANDRA.

The Royal Palace at Christiania is said to have been described by the late King of Denmark as the most splendidly placed castle in Europe. Even the stranger in Norway's capital cannot but be aware of where the King lives for the Palace dominates the cheerful, sparkling little town. In spite of the fact that Norway is the most democratic country in the world the home of her King and Queen is in its way very gorgeous and their Majesties' own rooms—that is where Queen Maud has just had the happiness of welcoming and entertaining her beloved mother—are exceptionally bright and delightful as well as full of very beautiful furniture and works of art. Queen Maud's apartments are in the sunny, southern wing of the Palace, and, together with King Haakon's, comprise a commodious flat of nineteen rooms. Queen Maud's favourite colour has always been blue, and her bedroom is hung with silk of azure tint, while the dressing-room is cherry colour. Following the example of her eldest sister, the Duchess of Fife, Queen Maud has her child always under her own eye, night and day, and the little Crown Prince's tiny suite of three lofty rooms opens out of his mother's dressing-room.

TWO INTERESTING ROYAL ROOMS.

When their Norwegian Majesties are entertaining such a guest as Queen Alexandra, they make considerable use of a fine reception-room hung with family portraits, and of which the most peculiar feature is a frieze containing human figures and animals suggested by episodes in Greek history. In this apartment, which is known as "The Queen's Reception Room," the mother and daughter receive any of those high Norwegian dignitaries whom Queen Alexandra desires to honour with an audience. King Haakon's study is a rather severe-looking, panelled room, with a large business-like writing-table and carved wood bookcases. An indication of its owner's intense love of music is shown by the presence of a harmonium, at which the King and Queen often spend happy hours.

KING HAAKON'S HOLIDAY HOME.

King Haakon had not been long in his new kingdom before he made up his mind that he and Queen Maud should have a holiday home, but instead of choosing, as has been so often the case with other European Sovereigns, some imposing, already-existing country palace, he hit on the original idea of building a modest timber hunting-lodge. The Highlands of Norway are full of game, and the King, who is very hospitable, delights in entertaining in his holiday home the various royal sportsmen with whom he is closely connected. Their Majesties have accustomed themselves to small Households, and they move about quite freely among their people. Queen Maud's ladies have been chosen from amongst the upper classes of Norway—there is no nobility there—and though she is fond of occasionally asking an English friend to stay with her, she is most careful not to offend the national susceptibilities of the Norwegians by appearing more British in her sympathies than she can help.

EARL AS BARGEE.

The Earl of Ellesmere, of Bridgewater Trust fame, is indulging in quite a new form of holiday: he has had a barge gaily decorated, and is cruising in it along the Bridgewater Canal, in the vicinity of Wardley Hall, Worsley, where the scenery is highly picturesque. Considering that his lordship has passed his sixtieth year, he certainly cannot be accused of lack of originality and "go." Wardley Hall, by the way, has borne for generations the reputation of being haunted by a human skull and this grisly relic may still be seen in a recess near the staircase. Lord and Lady Ellesmere entertain lavisly at Worsley as they also do at Stetchworth Park near Newmarket; Manor House, Brackley, Northamptonshire; and Bridgewater House in town. Bridgewater House was the scene a few years ago of a terrible tragedy a footman shooting a kitchen-maid and then turning the revolver on himself. It is one of the finest palaces in London and contains a collection of art treasures of immense value and interest. Lady Ellesmere's boudoir is hung with Raphael's masterpieces and the treasures of the library include the famous manuscript of the "Canterbury Tales," known as the "Ellesmere Chaucer," and original issue of Shakespeare's "Sonnets," and many rare books and missals.

"ELLESMERE'S BAD LUCK."

The Bargee Earl is one of the most important personages in the world of racing. He has the reputation, however, of being one of the most unfortunate sportsmen who ever ran a horse. Although he has spent enormous sums on the sport, he has won singularly few of its big prizes. It would be hard to count the number of times when he has been second in great events—his horses have come in second in the Derby, the Oaks, the Goodwood Cup, the One Thousand Guineas, the Doncaster Cup, and the Coronation Stakes. He paid seven thousand guineas and more for a horse from the Duchess of Montrose's stud; and, after the purchase, as if to protest against it, the brilliant animal never won another race. The Earl has spared nothing in his efforts to obtain the blue ribbons of the turf, money being of less account to him than the prizes, but he has been consistently disappointed.

A REMARKABLE BEQUEST.

The Bargee Earl can be numbered among the novelist peers, for under the signature of Charles Granville, which are his two middle names he has published quite a number of stories, most of them having a racing interest. His best known novels are "Mrs. John Foster," "A Sapphire Ring," "Sir Hector's Watch," and "A Broken Stirrup Leather." His taste for literature seems to be inherited judging from the fact that his ancestor, the last Earl of Bridgewater, left eight thousand pounds to the public funds to be paid to the author of the best treatise on the subject of "The Power, Wisdom and Goodness of God as manifested in the Creation."

A MARIENBAD HOST OF THE KING.

By far the most interesting and picturesque of our Sovereign's Marienbad hosts has been Colonel Mark Lockwood, one of the shrewdest of service M.P.'s, and a great horticulturist. He is one of the few men of his generation—he is five years' younger than the King—who remain faithful to what may be called the "button-hole habit," and with the aid of beautiful blooms he enlivens not only the House, but also the Lobby on even the dullest and saddest of winter days. Like a good many men popular in Society Colonel Lockwood while in no sense a fluent public speaker, is a first-rate talker in private life, and this probably is one of the things which endears him to his Sovereign, for the King much appreciates good and witty conversation.

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MRS. MARK LOCKWOOD.

Mrs. Mark Lockwood was Miss Isabella Milbanke, and she is an aunt of the young V.C. Baronet, whose beautiful Irish wife is among the smartest of the smart. Mrs. Lock wood inherits something of the beauty of her mother who at the time the late Sir John Milbanke was Minister at Munich was considered to be the most beautiful woman connected with the diplomatic service. Colonel and Mrs. Lockwood are likely to entertain the King later in the autumn; last year he paid them a brief shooting visit at their delightful picturesque country home Ebbor's Hall Romsey. They are old habitués of Marienbad and while there are very hospitable; on one occasions when entertaining the Sovereign at lunch, Colonel Lockwood devised a unique floral decoration for in the centre of the luncheon table was a ship composed of edelweiss gentian and Alpine violets.

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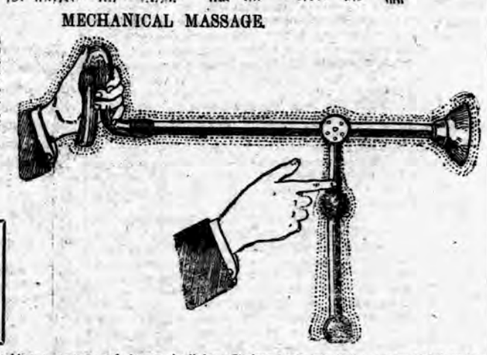

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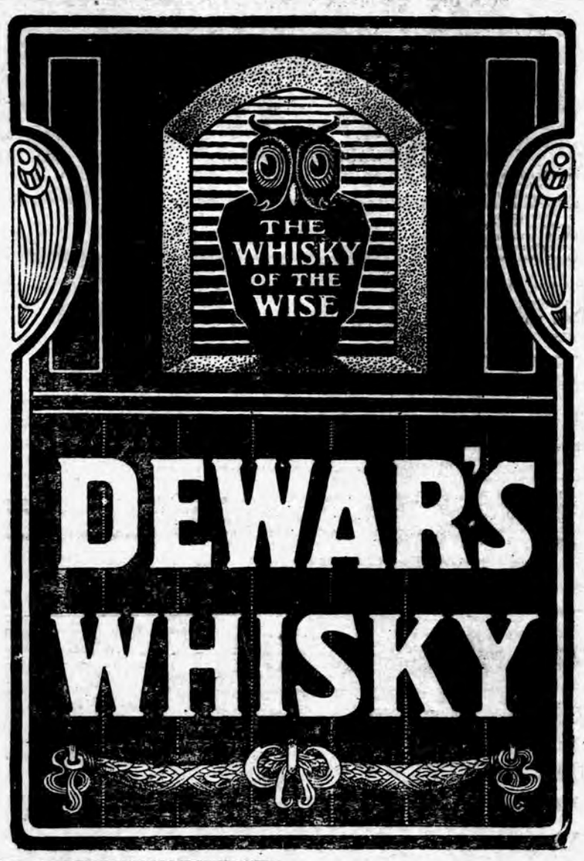

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